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DR MAHATHIR CONFERRED HONORARY FELLOWSHIP
Mahathir-fellowship (with pix)

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was conferred an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, here today.

He received the scroll from the president of the college, Encik W.P.Hederman, at his office in the Prime Minister's Department and later signed a declaration after reading it.

Sponsor Prof E.O'Malley, who read the citation at the ceremony, said that as a doctor, educationist and man of action Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir had played a major part in placing Malaysia on the world stage.

He said the college recognised Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir as one of the chief architects of modern Malaysia.

He said a new state faced many difficulties on achieving independence, such as getting the rest of the world to take it seriously, setting up a new administration which requires confidence, integrating the cultures of the relinquishing power with the traditions of the native people and making a living. -- more

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+This great country has succeeded in sorting out these problems despite its multiracial, multireligious, multilingual and multicultural population.

+There must have been and there must be many problems, but we have much to learn from what we see here, much which could be applied to the smaller scale problems in our own country,+ he said.

He also said that the college was proud to have been able to play some part in establishing the Malaysian medical service on a modern basis.

He said many Malaysian doctors had had their basic training in the undergraduate school in the college and some had done their post-graduate work in surgery, anaesthesia and dentistry there.

Present were the Prime Minister's wife, Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Science, Technology and Environment Minister Law Heing Ding, the college's registrar Prof K.O'Malley, chief administrator academic secretary J.G.Grace and vice-president J.D.O'Flynn. -- Bernama

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