

CITATION - DR. MAHATHIR Profile

YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad was born in Alor Setar, Kedah on 20th December 1925. YAB Dato Seri is married to Datin Seri Dr. Siti Hasmah Bte Mohd Ali and they have 7 children.

He graduated in medicine from the University of Malaya in Singapore in 1955.

He was in government medical service till 1957 after which he started his own medical practice, till 1973. He has been active in politics since 1964.

He was chairman of the Higher Education Council of Malaysia from 1968 - 1971 and chairman of the National University of Malaysia Council from 1974 till 1977.

He was elected a member of parliament and was appointed Minister of Education in 1974. In 1976, he became Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs. Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir was appointed Prime Minister of Malaysia in July 1981.

Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir has contributed tremendously towards the progress and economic advancement of Malaysia and has become a spokesman for the developing countries of the world. He was President the of Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in KL in 1989. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physician and Surgeons of Ireland. He has been conferred with many titles and honorary degrees from universities both in Malaysia and abroad and has many publications; medical, social and political to his credit.

We in Malaysia are very proud of his achievements and his contribution to the medical fraternity of this country.

Dr. Mahathir's foresight, determination and pragmatic approach, towards science and technology, has put Malaysia on the path to become an industrialized country. We are looking forward to the next millennium the year 2020 to become a fully developed nation.

He has the unique credit of being the first Prime Minister or political leader of a country to be in the internet.

Mr. President, I take great pride in presenting to you Malaysia's pride, the beacon of the developing world, a man with great vision and foresight, The Prime Minister of Malaysia - The Right Honorable Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad for the highest award of Honorary Fellowship of the International College of Surgeons.

By Dr. P. Boopalan
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