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Mahathir-Rotary

MAHATHIR IS ROTARY'S MAN OF THE MILLENNIUM

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was today awarded the Rotary Man of the Millennium Award by Rotary International District 3300.

The award was given in recognition of his contribution to the country's progress and development, and recently, for his success in steering the nation out of the regional economic crisis.

District 3300 governor Datuk Jaafar Mohamed Ali presented the award at the organisation's 65th conference at the Shangri-La hotel, here. Also present was Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

The Rotary club, an organisation of business and professional leaders, provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace.

District 3300 with 53 clubs covers most of the states in peninsular Malaysia.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir, a Rotarian during his younger days in Alor Setar, said the future was not without challenges as the pace of technological change, the borderlessness of nations and the ever-increasing flow of information technology would have a great impact on society.

In this context, he said, it was important that Malaysians be ready and responsive to these changes.

The prime minister said the rich, the poor, the fortunate and the less fortunate must be given the opportunity to have equal access to this modern technology and infrastructure.

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