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Mahathir-Fellowship

PM RECEIVES ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was awarded an honorary fellowship by the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) in conjunction with its first anniversary celebration tonight.

He was selected for the inaugural award for his significant contribution and commitment to the growth of science and technology in the country.

Dr Mahathir received the award from ASM president Tan Sri Dr Haji Omar Abdul Rahman at the Academy of Sciences Award Presentation Dinner here.

Six new fellows for the academy were also announced at the dinner.

They include Director-General of Health Tan Sri Dr Abu Bakar Suleiman, Universiti Malaya (UM) Head of Medical Microbiology Department Prof Dr Lam Sai Kit and Pilecon Engineering Bhd executive chairman Dr Heng Lee Pee.

The other three are lecturers -- Prof Dr Ang Kok Jee of Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (UPM) Fisheries and Marine Science Faculty, Prof Dr Shahrir Mohamed Zain of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) Department of Mathematics and Prof Dr Tan Wang Seng of Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Information Technology Centre.

A book entitled "Mahathir: Leadership in Science and Technology" was launched at the dinner.

It is ASM's first publication and is also the first written about Dr Mahathir's leadership in the realms of his vast contribution as the father of modern Malaysia, and his determination to make Malaysia an industrialised country.

The book was co-written by Sumanggala Pillai, the academy's chief publisher, and UPM Economics Faculty's Agriculture Policy Research Centre Director Prof Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman.

The academy, which was inaugurated on Sept 8 last year, has 56 foundation fellows, including former Veterinary Services Department

Director-General Tan Sri Dr Mustaffa Babjee and Malaysian Institute of Microelectronic Systems (MIMOS) Director-General Dr Tengku Azzman Sharifadeen Ibrahim.

Present at the dinner were Dr Mahathir's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali and Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding.

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