

Research on the Malaysian leadership under way

PUTRAJAYA: Five local researchers have received grants from the Perdana Leadership Foundation to conduct research into the nation's leadership history.

The grants, worth between RM10,000 and RM50,000, were presented by foundation president Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad here yesterday.

Also present was the foundation board of trustees' chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim.

The recipients for the grants are Datuk Dr Mohd Yusof Hassan of the Aminuddin Baki Centre for Global Education, Dr Suhaimi Shahnun and Assoc Prof Azhari Karim, both of USM, Sue Valquis Mashhor of UiTM and R. Sivaperegasam, a doctoral student.

Dr Mohd Yusof's research is on Malay intellectualism through the thoughts of three prominent thinkers, while Dr Suhaimi will focus on the politics of national identity through the country's four prime ministers.

Azhari is studying the country's past foreign relations, Sue Valquis Dr Mahathir's approach towards regional development and Asean, and Sivaperegasam the pattern of opposition towards Dr Mahathir's declaration of Malaysia as an Islamic state.

Their research will take between six months and two years.