

Great Mind award for Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was last night conferred the Great Mind Award by Malaysian Invention & Design Society (Minds) in recognition of his leadership abilities.

The award was presented by Minds president Tan Sri Dr Augustine Ong, who described Dr Mahathir as a "man of creativity, a man leading a creative nation".

The award was given in conjunction with Minds' 20th anniversary and "A Celebration of Creativity Banquet" which honoured outstanding Malaysian inventors.

To laughter from those present, Dr Mahathir thanked the society for honouring him for "not inventing anything".

Congratulating those who had made Malaysia proud, Dr Mahathir, who is also Minds patron, said Malaysians could achieve anything they set their minds on.

Tongue-in-cheek, the former Prime Minister said: "I was in Paris recently and saw the can-can dance. Translated to Malay, it's the Boleh-Boleh dance and I know Malaysians have the Boleh spirit."