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Inner Temple to honour the Tunku

Posthumous award for ex-student

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's first Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra al Haj will be posthumously honoured by The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in London, in conjunction with its 400th anniversary celebrations this year.

Malaysian Inner Temple Alumni Association secretary S. Radhakrishnan said that last November, the benchers of the Inner Temple agreed that some form of commemoration should be commissioned to honour Tunku Abdul Rahman as one of its former students.

He said the executive committee of the Malaysian Inner Temple was considering various proposals on how best to honour the first prime minister.

"This includes having a portrait of Tunku Abdul Rahman placed in a prominent location in the building of the Inner Temple in London," Radhakrishnan said yesterday.

The Tunku was a barrister of the Inner Temple where he was called to the English Bar in 1949.

Prior to this, the Inner Temple honoured its former student, the former English prime minister Clement Atlee, with his portrait near the fireplace in the Inner Temple.

Mahatma Gandhi, who was called to the English Bar at the Inner Temple in 1891, was also honoured by the Inn.

Radhakrishnan said the Tunku played an important role as secretary-general of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) after his retirement.

The society's 400th anniversary celebrations will be held in London in June.

Malaysia will send a large delegation comprising barristers of the Inner Temple, led by Court of Appeal judge Datuk James Foong



Court attire: Tunku Abdul Rahman dressed in his barrister's wig and gown.

Cheng Yuen, to attend the celebrations.

The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple is one of four Inns of Court around the Royal Courts of Justice in London that may call members to the Bar to entitle them to practise as barristers.

The others are Middle Temple, Gray's Inn and Lincoln's Inn. — Bernama