

JAPAN UNIVERSITY HONOURS DR M

PM conferred honorary degree for contributions to education, boosting rule of law



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PRIME Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was conferred an honorary degree from Japan's Doshisha University here yesterday.

He was conferred the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters for his devotion to education and the rule of law.

"(These two principles) are aligned with an 'education of conscience', which underpins the contributions for peace and development of Malaysia, Japan and East Asia," said Doshisha University president Takashi Matsuoka.

Dr Mahathir received the award



Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad after being conferred the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at Doshisha University's Amherst House in Kyoto yesterday. With him are (front row from left) Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Marzuki Yahya, Doshisha University Chancellor Eiji Hatta, Doshisha University president Takashi Matsuoka and Malaysian Ambassador to Japan Datuk Kennedy Jawan.

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from Matsuoka at a conferment ceremony held at the university's Amherst House.

Present were Doshisha University Chancellor and chair of the Board of Trustees, Eiji Hatta, and its academic staff.

Matsuoka said since Dr Mahathir assumed the role of prime minister, he had undertaken steps

to strengthen the rule of law.

"Dr Mahathir's commitment to strengthening the rule of law serves as the basis of optimism for the resilience of democracy in the midst of a challenging era," he added.

Dr Mahathir, in his acceptance speech, thanked Doshisha University and its academic staff for

the honour.

"I am really honoured that the university has recognised my little work that I've done for my country.

"I hope I will always try to live up to the honour that is given to me and try to be humane in my endeavours as I serve my country."

The honorary doctorate is awarded to those who have made remarkable achievements in the progress of academic research, art, and society, both at the national and international level.

Dr Mahathir is the 68th recipient of this award.

Other notable recipients include the founder of Matsushita (now Panasonic) Konosuke Matsushita and American economist Joseph Eugene Stiglitz, who is also the recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences and the John Bates Clark Medal.

Established in 1875, Doshisha University is one of Japan's oldest private institutions of higher learning and has approximately 30,000 students enrolled on four different campuses here.

It is one of the Japanese "Global 30" universities and one of the four leading private universities in the Kansai region.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir spent 40 minutes at Towa Corporation, a semi-conductor company that has plans to invest RM100 million to expand its operations in Batu Kawan, Penang.

He also visited Shimadzu Corporation, a company established in 1875, that manufactures precision instruments, measuring instruments and medical equipment.

It has been operating in Malaysia since 2015 and has an analytical and measuring instruments manufacturing plant in Sendayan Tech Valley.