

Dr M awarded honorary PhD from Japan

University hails PM's commitment to education and rule of law in M'sia

KYOTO: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has added another feather to his illustrious cap - this time an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Japan's Doshisha University for his devotion to education and rule of law.

In his convocation address yesterday, university president Takashi Matsuoka said it was the Prime Minister's 1981-2003 Look East policy that resulted in over 15,000 Malaysian students and trainees sent to Japan, contributing to Malaysia's progress.

Since he led Pakatan Harapan to victory in the 14th General Election last year and resumed the premiership, Dr Mahathir had taken steps to further strengthen the rule of law as the basis for creating optimism in Malaysia, he said.

"Dr Mahathir's devotion to education and rule of law are aligned with an 'education of conscience', which underpins the founding spirit of Doshisha University," Matsuoka said.

Dr Mahathir said he was greatly honoured to be recognised for his work.

"I will always try to live up to the honour given to me and to be humane in my endeavours as I serve my country," he said.

Dr Mahathir received the award from Matsuoka at a special conferment ceremony at the university's Amherst House. Also pre-

sent was Doshisha University chancellor and Board of Trustees chairman Eiji Hatta.

The honorary doctorate is awarded to those who have made remarkable contributions to society and in the progress of academic research and art, both nationally and internationally.

Dr Mahathir is the 68th recipient of the award in the university's 144-year history.

Other notable recipients include the founder of Matsushita Corp (now Panasonic) Konosuke Matsushita and American economist Joseph Eugene Stiglitz.

Set up in 1875, Doshisha University is one of Japan's oldest private institutions of higher learning with about 30,000 students enrolled in four campuses in Kyoto.

It is also one of Japan's "Global 30" universities and among the four leading private universities in the Kansai region.

Earlier yesterday, the Prime Minister visited Towa Corp, an ultra-precision semi-conductor mould manufacturer which is planning to expand its operations in Batu Kawan, Penang, with an estimated investment worth RM100mil.

He also visited Shimadzu Corp, an analytical and measuring instruments manufacturer. — Bernama



Another milestone: Dr Mahathir showing his Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at Amherst House, Kyoto. — Bernama