

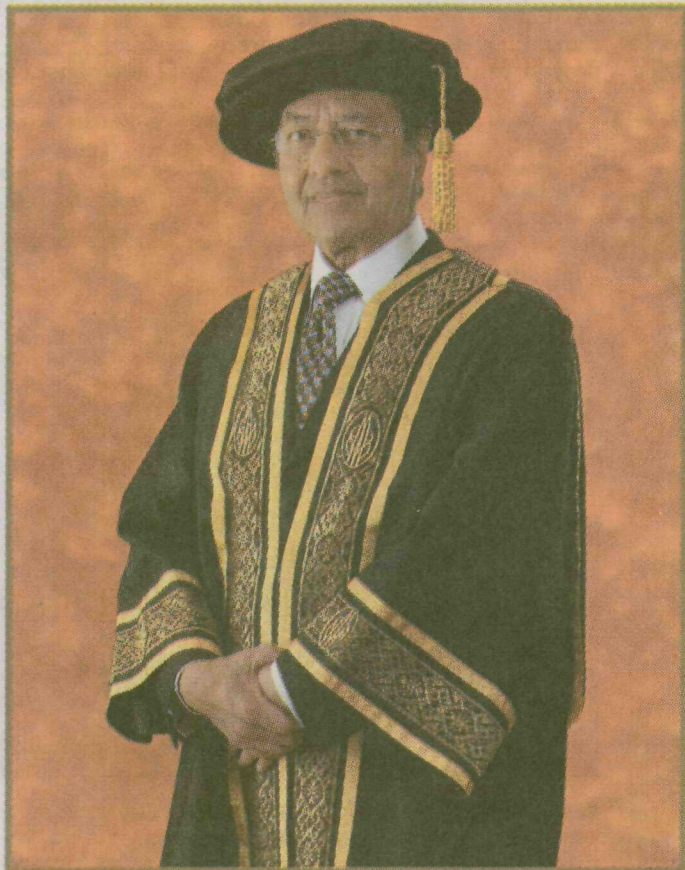
Special Convocation Ceremony

commitment to a vision

*Proclamation of Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad as the Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS
and Conferment of Honorary Doctorate*

1 April 2004

Chancellor



TUN DR MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD

Aspiration of a Visionary

Today marks a significant moment in the history of Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS. The appointment of Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad as the Chancellor is an inspiration to the University in its quest to achieve excellence and eminence.

Brief Biography

Born on December 20, 1925 in Alor Setar, Kedah, Tun Dr Mahathir obtained his early education in his home town before pursuing a medical degree at the King Edward VII College of Medicine in Singapore.

The former Premier is no stranger to the Malaysian education scene. Prior to his appointment as Minister of Education in 1974, Dr Mahathir was the Chairman of the first Higher Education Council in 1968, Member of the Higher Education Advisory Council in 1972, Member of the University Court and University of Malaya Council, and Chairman of the National University Council in 1974.

When he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in 1976, he retained his Education portfolio. Two years later, he became the Minister of Trade and Industry before being appointed the fourth Prime Minister of Malaysia in 1981.

Tun Dr Mahathir and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah, are blessed with seven children and 10 grandchildren.

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"The Visionary Who Makes and Shapes the Nation"

The economic and social prosperity enjoyed by Malaysians in the last two decades owe much to Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad during his tenure as Prime Minister (1981-2003). Malaysia, under Tun Dr Mahathir's stewardship, has experienced unprecedented economic growth and development and has left a lasting impression internationally as a nation to be respected and emulated.

A pragmatic and respected visionary, he engineered structural and policy changes to enable the country to face global economic, social, and political challenges of the new millennium. Tun Dr Mahathir, espoused a holistic approach to development, covering both material and spiritual aspects.

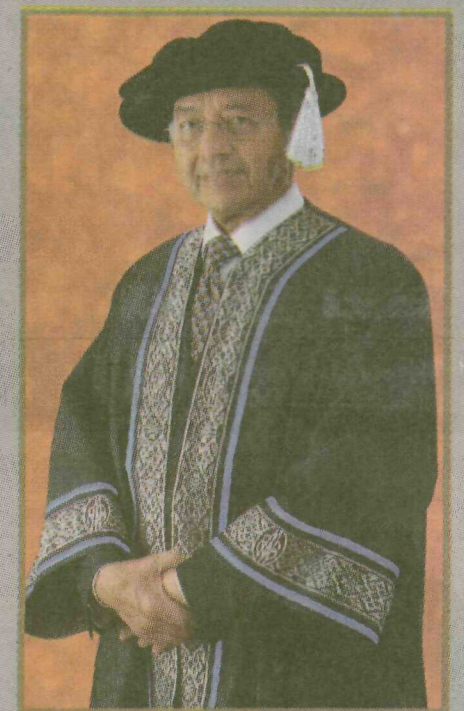
He has transformed Malaysia from a predominantly agricultural country to a leading producer and exporter of manufactured goods.

Tun Dr Mahathir, through various programmes, has positioned the country to benefit from the shift into the knowledge-based economy.

He kept on urging local investors and entrepreneurs to play their role in spearheading the economic transformation of the country through the Malaysian Inc. concept, smart partnerships and privatisation of key industries and services.

His vision of a technology and knowledge-based Malaysia has been the driving force in the continued transformation of the country in line with the spirit of 'Malaysia Boleh'. The ideas expounded by him have spawned numerous projects that have placed Malaysia among the ranks of fast developing economics.

This is the spirit that the University would like to capture and nurture.

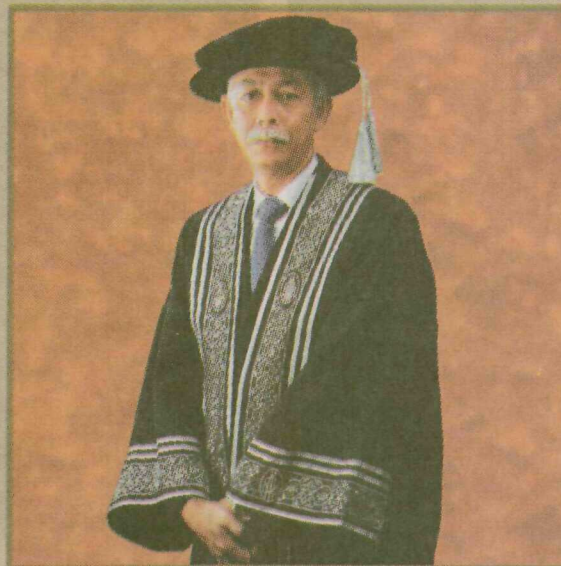


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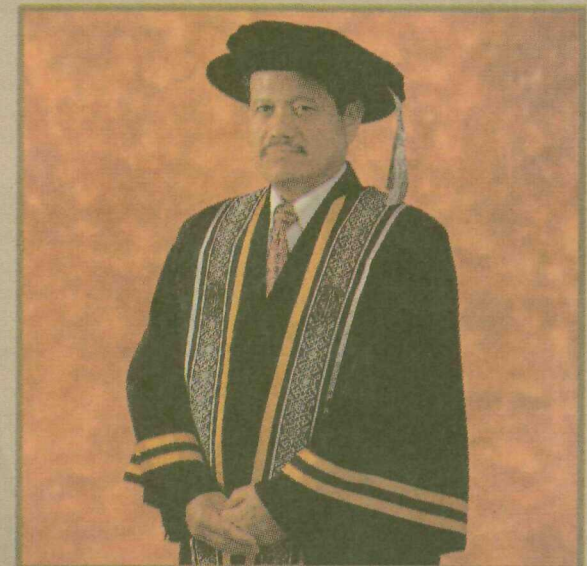
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Rector



DR ROSTI SARUWONO

“ We are examining our education system to create a curriculum where people learn how to learn so they can continue their education throughout their lives. The measure of our success in 2020 will be the number and quality of our people who can add value to information. ”

Dato Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad

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