

Tun Dr Mahathir Receives Lifetime Achievement Award At KL Mayor Tourism Awards 2011
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 22 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the Kuala Lumpur Mayor's Tourism Awards 2011 here Tuesday night.

The award was presented by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak in an exclusive and prestigious dinner held especially for presenting the award to Dr Mahathir and a number of other recipients.

Dr Mahathir was presented with a special trophy, a custom made Objet D'art designed by Mouawad's creative team in Paris, made of several components from various countries around the world.

The base of the trophy was a hand carved slab of natural Lapis Lazuli from Afghanistan weighing more than 1 kilogram.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir said he was honoured but added a touch of humour by saying that the award was presented early for his life was still moving on actively.

Speaking about Kuala Lumpur, he said the city now has grown rapidly since it's establishment as a Federal Territory with many businesses and beautiful landscaping.

Dr Mahathir said the government now was talking about growing a "Greater Kuala Lumpur" which resulted from rapid growth of the city and now the development had spilled out of the city border all over the Klang Valley.

"Kuala Lumpur, was beautifully landscaped today not only by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) but also by the private and land owners but before this we told them that they should look after not only within their compound but also the roads.

"I am very happy indeed that the roads in the city are now well kept and the landscaping very good," he said.

Meanwhile, Kuala Lumpur Mayor Tan Sri Ahmad Fuad Ismail in his speech said this awards were created to recognize and reward establishments and individuals who were responsible to beautify Kuala Lumpur so as to attract visitors.

Apart from Dr Mahathir, various tourism service providers like accommodation, restaurant, tourist attraction, nightspot, shopping mall, tour operators, foreign airline and print media were given recognition.

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