

UMP To Award Tun Mahathir Honorary Doctorate In Automotive Engineering
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KUANTAN, May 10 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad will be awarded an honorary doctorate in automotive engineering from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) for his contributions and continuous efforts in the development of the country's automotive industry.

He will receive the award from UMP Chancellor, the Tengku Mahkota of Pahang, Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah, at the university's special convocation ceremony at its Gambang campus here on May 17.

UMP Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Daing Nasir Ibrahim said the honorary doctorate would be given to Dr Mahathir in appreciation of his contributions for being a prime mover in the country's motoring industry, leading to the production of the first national car, the Proton Saga, in 1985.

"His vision and far-sightedness on the huge potential of the automotive industry as the driver of economic growth has seen many locals who are expert and with high skills in the field of automotive engineering," he added.

He said an exhibition on Tun Mahathir, including his biodata and contributions in the development of the country's automotive industry, as well as UMP's involvement in the automotive field, would also be held during the convocation.

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