

Dr M gets UN-Habitat award for contributions
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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been named the recipient of the 2012 Rafik Hariri UN-Habitat Memorial award in recognition of his contributions to Malaysia's economic development.

"Malaysia was on the way to considerable economic progress during (Dr) Mahathir's time," said UN-Habitat scientific adviser Prof Banji Oyelaran-Oyeyinka in a statement published on the UN-Habitat website yesterday.

He said that Dr Mahathir had shown other developing countries that it was possible to develop a country "in a very rapid way in a very short time".

The former prime minister was selected over 13 other nominees for the award by an international jury.

The award is conferred upon individuals, organisations or institutions for accomplishments in areas that include leadership; statesmanship and good governance; construction and reconstructions of settlements and communities; and human resource development.

Dr Mahathir will receive his award on Sept 28 in New York.

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