

Ex-students urged to contribute to foundation

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight urged former Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation-sponsored students to give something in return to the foundation for helping them in the past.

“I hope that once they become successful, they will give something back to the foundation so that other students will also benefit from their assistance,” he said at the Tunku Abdul Rahman Foundation Night 2004 here.

Dr Mahathir, who was the foundation's chairman from 1974 to 1977, said this would be one way of repaying the foundation for helping them in the past.

Similarly, he said those who took

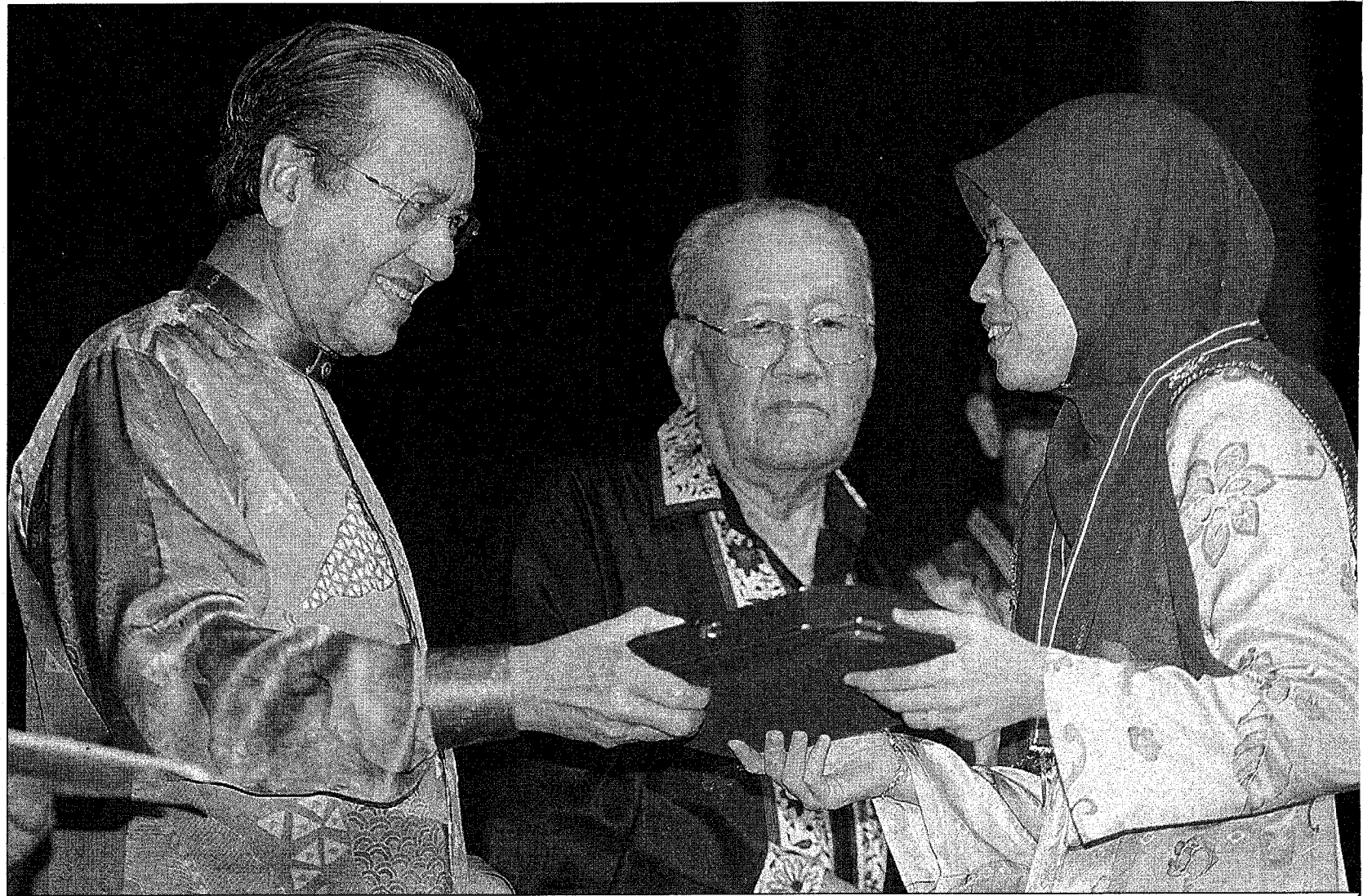
study loans should also pay back as the money would be used to help other students to further their studies in institutions of higher learning.

Dr Mahathir also urged more corporate bodies to support the foundation's efforts to help more students as well as to diversify its activities.

During the function, Dr Mahathir received RM61,000 in contributions.

He also presented the Tunku medal to 11 graduates.

They included Norfazilah Arsat, who obtained first class honours in actuarial science from Universiti Teknologi Mara, and Tain Chin Leong, who also obtained first class honours in Information Technology from Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris. — Bernama



WELL DONE: Dr Mahathir presenting the Tunku medal to Norfazilah. With them is event organising chairman Tan Sri Khir Johari. — Bernama picture