

Abdul Wahid heads awards list

443 others will also be honoured in conjunction with Negri Sembilan Ruler's birthday

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SEREMBAN: Former minister Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar and Malaysia's first astrophysicist Emeritus Prof Datuk Dr Mazlan Othman head the list of 444 recipients of titles and awards in conjunction with the 72nd birthday of Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir.

Abdul Wahid, now Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia board of directors chairman, and Mazlan, who is director of the International Science Council (ISC) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, will be awarded the Darjah Seri Setia Negeri Sembilan Yang Amat Cemerlang (SSNS), which carries the title Datuk Seri.

The awards presentation ceremony today is at Istana Besar in Seri Menanti.

State Secretary Datuk Dr Razali Ab Malik said there were 14 recipients for the Darjah Dato' Paduka Negeri Sembilan (DPNS), which comes with the title Datuk.

They are Deputy Communications and Multimedia Minister Eddin Syazlee Shith, Ampangan assemblyman Dr Mohamad Rafie Malek, Paroi assemblyman Mohamad Taufek Abd Ghani, state financial officer Mohd Khidir Majid, state Syarie Court head Abas Nordin, Bukit Aman Narcotics chief Comm



Recipients: (From left) Abdul Wahid, Prof Mazlan, Dr Jeyarajah and Mohd Khalil.

Datuk Mohd Khalil Kader Mohd, state police chief Deputy Comm Datuk Mohamad Mat Yusop, United Nations' Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) executive director Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif, and Army Eastern Field Command chief Lt-Jen Datuk Zamrose Mohd Zain.

The others are UKM vice-chancellor Prof Mohd Hamdi Abd Shukor, lawyer Edlin Ghazaly and businessmen Hassan Hassan, Datuk Abdul Halim Mohd Tahir and Lim Kian Onn.

Antah Healthcare Group chief executive Tunku Mohamed Alauddin Tunku Laxamana

Naquiyuddin, former Tabung Haji managing director Datuk Seri Dr Zukri Samat and child activist Dr Hartini Zainuddin will be bestowed the Darjah Setia Tuanku Muhriz Yang Amat Gemilang (DSTM), which also carries the title Datuk.

Twenty individuals would be awarded the Darjah Setia Bakti Negeri Sembilan (DBNS), which also comes with a datukship.

Among them are Deputy Speaker M. Ravi, Senawang Rotary Club president Dr K. Kirthi Jeyarajah, Chief Signals officer Brig-Jen Ahmad Saifuddin Talha, Army Research and Evaluation division director Brig-Jen Md Fuad Abd Jalil,

military adviser to the Defence Minister Brig-Jen Mohammed Feizol Anuar Ayob, state Development Corporation board of directors member Hazim Jama-luddin and Universiti Putra Malaysia Medical and Health Sciences Faculty's Prof Datuk Dr Khairul Asri Mohd Ghani.

Others are army retiree Brig-Jen (Rtd) Rahmat Hassan, Serdang Hospital medical consultant and specialist Dr Mohamad Arif Muhammad Nor, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia's Prof Dr Muhammad Tauffik Mohd Noor, former state Forestry director Salim Aman, Fama director-general

Zainal Abidin Yang Razalli and businessmen Ding Leang Sing, Mohd Azlan Kachong, Mohamed Amin Abdul Haq, Lee Wai Hung, Lai Kay Lee, Ibrahim Yahaya, Zaidi Ujang and social activist Chong Ah Kuang.

Seventeen individuals will receive the Darjah Setia Negeri Sembilan (DNS), Darjah Tuanku Muhriz (one), Darjah Pekerti Terpilih (13), Ahli Setia Negeri Sembilan (52), Pingat Setiawan Tuanku Muhriz (two), Pingat Khidmat Cemerlang Masyarakat (107), Pingat Jasa Kebaktian (180), Pingat Khidmat Lama (15) and Bentara Tuanku Muhriz (19).