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BAM WINS PRIME MINISTER'S QUALITY AWARD

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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14 (Bernama) <sup>92</sup> <sup>(P)</sup> - The Badminton' Association of Malaysia. (BAM), which succeeded in bringing the Thomas Cup back to Malaysia after 25 years last May, won the Prime Minister's Quality Award today;

The BAM was selected in the social sector category to receive the award, the highest honour accorded by the government in efforts to promote excellence and quality.

The Malaysian Agricultural Research Development Institute (Mardi) received the award for the public sector and Matsushita Industrial Corporation Sdn Bhd, for the private sector.

The winners each received RM30,000, a trophy and a certificate of appreciation from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a ceremony at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

During the ceremony, the guests were shown video clippings of the highlights of the Thomas Cup Final on May 17 this year. -- more

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Malaysia beat arch&rival Indonesia 3-2 untuk to capture the Cup, the symbol of world badminton supremacy, after an upset win over China in the semifinals.

BAM president Tan Sri Elyas Omar, who received the award from Dr Mahathir, described the victory as +a victory for all Malaysians+.

+This is not just a victory for BAM...bur for all Malaysians. I thank' all the players, officials, supporters and the people who have helped us win the Cup, + he said.

Mardi's award was received by its director-general, Tan Sri Dr Mohamed Yusof Hashim while Matsushita Industrial Corporation managing director Yukio Shohtoku received on behalf of his company.

Earlier, Youth and sports Minister Datuk Annuar Musa, who is also chairman of the Excellent Work Culture Action Council, criticised sports and voluntary associations which he said were, still inactive and provided poor service. -- more

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While praising the public and private sectors for their performance, he said there was still room for improvement in the quality of their service.\*

He also hit out at developed nations which were reluctant to accept Malaysia's success, saying their criticisms was made out of jealousy.

Annuar also called on the people to continue to improve service quality and make excellence their corporate culture.

This is the first time since the establishment of the Prime Minister's Quality Award in 1990 that a sports association has been selected for the award in the social sector category. -- Bernama

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