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Culture of excellence vital: PM

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INDUSTRIES need to imbue among themselves the culture of excellence to enable them to sustain their capabilities and resilience to compete in both the domestic and international markets.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, speaking at the 12th Industry Excellence Award in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, said he hopes that the industries will increase their productivity by merging effectively the readily-available production resources to compete at the global level.

This year, a total of 125 local companies are taking part compared with only 87 in 1995.

Seventeen companies received awards in the 21 categories contested. There were no winners in four categories, namely Export Excellence Award (Services) for education, transportation/communication and finance; and quality management Excellence Award (small scale).

For the Product Excellence Awards, Summer Technologies Sdn Bhd bagged the Category I award for its summer solar water heater system, Cheng Hua Engineering Works Sdn Bhd for its factory automation systems (Category II) Industronics Bhd for its electronic bulletin board (Category III) and Malaysia Smelting Corp Sdn Bhd for its high purity tin (Category IV).

Advance Industries Group of Companies bagged the Innovative Product Award for its parabolic louvers for fluorescent light fitting.

For the Export Excellence Awards (Merchandise), Time Era was named the winner for the Category I award, Natural Wood Industry Sdn Bhd (Category II), Wembley Rubber Products (M) Sdn Bhd (Category III) and Proton Corp Sdn Bhd (Category IV).

Nam Fatt Corp secured the Export Excellence Award (Services) for the construction category, OGP Technical Services Sdn Bhd (research consultancy and others). INTI Higher Learning Centre Sdn Bhd won the special award for export (education).

In the Quality Management Excellence Award, Pawada Food Industries bagged the Category 1 (medium scale) award, Takaso Rubber Products Sdn Bhd (Category II small scale), Carsen Sdn Bhd (Category II small scale) and Hewlett Packard (M) Sdn Bhd (Category II small scale).

The special Quality Management Excellence Award went to Antara Holiday Villa Sdn Bhd.

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