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MIMOS PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE ASEAN AWARD

KUALA LUMPUR, July 26 (Bernama) -- Mimos Berhad president and chief executive officer Tengku Datuk Dr Azzman Shariffadeen has been named the recipient of the Fifth Asean Achievement Award in the area of Information Technology (IT).

Tengku Azzman is one of three Malaysian personalities in the list of 11 recipients of this year's achievement award in specialised fields.

The other Malaysians are Malaysian Aids Council president Datuk Paduka Marina Mahathir and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia vice chancellor Datuk Dr Ahmad Zaharudin Idrus.

Asean Business Forum president Tan Sri Datuk Dr Loy Hean Heong, who announced the award winners at a news conference here today, said the official presentation of the awards will be held at a grand banquet on the Aug 7 in Jakarta.

"Nominations for the various categories were invited in the last two months from the public and selected national and regional organisations through media advertisements, press coverage and direct mail," he said.

Tengku Azzman, who is also the permanent secretary of Malaysia's National IT Council, won the award in the IT category for his contribution to the development and promotion of IT in the country.

He obtained his doctorate and master's degree in automatic control from the University of Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology and appointed dean of Universiti Malaya's Engineering Faculty only 10 years after he started there as a temporary lecturer.

Marina won the award in the community service category in recognition of her active participation and leadership in social work on the national and international level, said Dr Loy.

Dr Ahmad Zaharuddin was recognised in the area of science for his many achievements which include establishing the Asean Food Handling Bureau.

The main award, which is the Asean Businessperson of the Year award, will be given to Indonesia's Bakrie Group of Companies chairman Ir Aburizal Bakrie.

Other recipients are from Indonesia (Business and Environment Protection), Thailand (Medicine and Sports), the Philippines (Visual and Performing Arts, and Engineering) and Singapore (Education and Research and Development). -- BERNAMA

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