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Carving expert honoured with award

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Tengku Ibrahim Tengku Wook, renowned for his intricate carvings, was today honoured with the nation's first Master Craftsman award.

Popularly known as "Ayahku", Ibrahim, 69, from Besut, Terengganu, received a cash award of RM30,000, songket material worth RM1,500, cost of living allowance of RM1,500 and sponsorship for medical and related expenses for five years.

The award was bestowed by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, at a ceremony in the Craft Culture Complex.

Possessing some 38 years of experience in the field, Ibrahim received the Master Teacher award from the Malaysian Handicraft Development Council in 1993.

He has produced a range of carvings for beds, walking sticks and kris hilts for various personalities including Dr Mahathir.

Today's award symbolises the Government's recognition of craftsmen whose commitment and skills have contributed immensely to the industry.

Sponsored by the Entrepreneur Development Ministry and the MHDC, the ceremony also saw the Craft Design Award going to three winners.

They were freelance designer Suhaila Othman (first), decorative light businessman Chua Ah Chan (second) and Handicraft Foundation of Pahang instructor Mohd Rosli Sulaiman (third).

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