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FIRST GOLD WON DEDICATED TO EVERY M'SIAN

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's Kenny Ang and Ben Heng who won Malaysia's first gold medal in the 16th Commonwealth Games in the men's doubles bowling event at the Pyramid Bowl near here have dedicated their win to every Malaysian.

Kenny said the win reflected the determination, dedication and spirit shown by Malaysian athletes.

After the end of their event, the Malaysia team received a congratulatory message from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed. The prime minister had come to watch the Malaysian bowlers in action briefly earlier today in the fifth and sixth games.

It was a sweet victory for the bowling team as it met the targets set by the National Sports Council to clinch two medals in bowling which offered five golds.

Earlier today, the Malaysian women's doubles pair of Lai Kin Ngoh and Shalin Zulkifli won the silver after being pipped by Australians Cara Honeychurch and Maxim Nable.

Kenny, who recorded the highest pinfalls among the 30 players with an average of 225.63 pinfalls, said Malaysia was lucky to have taken an early lead.

"We also did not encounter many problems with the lanes because we are familiar with them," he said.

Malaysian coach Sid Alen said Malaysia should win another two medals.

"By winning two medals today, it kept the pressure off from the team and I believed tomorrow they are free of pressure and will win another medal," he said.

"Our next mission is to become the champion at the World Cup Championship in United Arabs Emirates next year, and we will work hard to win that," he said.

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