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MARIMUTHU NAMED MR CONSUMER 1997

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Federation of Malaysian Consumer Associations (Fomca) secretary-general N Marimuthu was today named the 1997 Eminent Consumer for actively crusading for consumer protection and consumerism.

He received the award -- a medal and RM2,000 cash -- from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who officiated at the national-level 1998 World Consumers' Day celebration at Pusat Islam here.

The immediate past award winner was dean of Universiti Putra Malaysia's human ecology faculty Prof Madya Dr Halimah Haji Ahmad.

This year's other winners were;

* best state consumers affairs council - Consumers Association of Penang;

* best district consumer affairs council - Temerloh district; and

* best school consumers' club - Sekolah Menengah Ibrahim Fikri, Terengganu.

The event was celebrated with songs of consumer awareness by choirs and elocution by students on the Buy Malaysian theme besides sales and exposition of Made in Malaysia products at the lobby of Dewan Muktamar, Pusat Islam.

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