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Floats

PAHANG WINS PREMIER TROPHY AT FLORAL PARADE

KUALA LUMPUR, July 5 (Bernama) -- Pahang's entry which resembles a traditional "congak" game set with a rooster head won the Premier Trophy at the 1998 floral parade held here today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who had earlier launched the parade in conjunction with the Floral Festival '98 from July 5 to 12, gave away the prizes.

The Pahang float, entered by the Fraser's Hill Development Corporation based on the concept of a continuously magnificent heritage, showcased some of the state's popular pastimes like top-spinning and the "congak" game.

The concept highlighted the importance of preserving arts and customs despite the drastic changes the country has undergone in pursuing high technological development.

Some 3,000 spectators, including foreign tourists, thronged the Merdeka Square here to witness 10 floats and 18 bands taking part in the parade.

The Kuala Lumpur City Hall's float with its theme "Towards The Next Millenium" won the Theme Trophy for depicting the national aspiration towards industrialisation and globalisation of the digital economy through the Multimedia Super Corridor.

The Pulau Pinang float of a "boxing match" between an Orang Utan and a lion carrying the theme "Pulau Pinang Boleh" won the Creative Trophy for excellent animation.

The Parade's Special Trophy went to Malaysia Airlines (MAS) while the Shah Alam Municipal Council's float won the Jury's Special Trophy.

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