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Badminton-Reward

WINDFALL FOR NATIONAL BADMINTON SQUAD

KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 17 (Bernama) -- The national men's badminton team, who were runner-up in the Thomas Cup tournament in Hong kong in May, received a RM90,000 windfall from the Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM).

The nine-member squad comprising Ong Ewe Hock, Yong Hock Kin, Roslin Hashim, Wong Choon Hann, Cheah Soon Kit, Yap Kim Hock, Choong Tan Fook, Lee Wan Wah and Tan Kim Her each received RM10,000.

BAM patron Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali presented the players the cheques at the Kuala Lumpur Badminton Stadium here today. BAM president Datuk Dr Abdullah Fadzil Che Wan was also present.

Last June, the squad received RM84,000 from the National Sports Council incentive scheme. The players and the coach received RM8,000 each while BAM got RM4,000.

Siti Hasmah, who visited the players who are preparing for the 16th Commonwealth Games next month, advised them to give full concentration to their mental and physical conditions.

"I get disappointed when some players say at the last moment that they are injured and cannot represent the country. So I hope they look after all physical aspects of themselves now," she said.

Siti Hasmah stressed that they should also be mentally strong to play in the second biggest Games in the world.

"As suggested by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad this is the opportunity for the national players to win medals in their home ground," she said.

She also reminded them to give emphasise to playing hard for the nation, discipline and training.

Malaysia is hoping to win three golds in the men's team event, men's singles and men's doubles.

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