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DRB-Hicom, FOA named parade's best contingents

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - DRB-Hicom Group and Farmers Organisation Authority were today adjudged "the best overall contingents" at the 42nd National Day parade held at Dataran Merdeka.

DRB-Hicom also won a special award for its specially-designed outfit which most aptly reflected this year's theme "Together Into The New Millennium".

The group also grabbed top prize for having "the most attractive costume" in the private sector category.

DRB-Hicom came second in marching-and-parade ability.

FOA, on the other hand, won top prizes for having the "most attractive costume" and for their "march/parade performance" in the non-governmental organisations and associations category.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali, who is also organising committee chairman for this year's celebrations, presented the challenge trophies and certificates to winners for the "best march/parade", "most attractive costume" and "best brass band performance" today.

The "march/parade" and "most attractive costume" awards were divided into two categories; for the private sector and association/non-governmental organisations.

For the best "march/parade" performance under the private sector category, Telekom Malaysia Berhad came out top while Petronas was placed third.

Under the associations category, the second placing for the "march/parade" performance went to Ex-Servicemen Association while third placing went to Fishermen's Association.

For the "most attractive costume" award, Telekom Malaysia Berhad was second while National Panasonic was third.

Under the second category, Angkasa grabbed the second placing while the Fishermen's Association was third.

For the "best brass band performance" Victoria Institution came out top, followed by Sekolah Menengah St John and Sekolah Menengah Seri Puteri.

Before presenting the prizes, Tajol Rosli conveyed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's congratulatory message to participating contingents.

He said Dr Mahathir also thanked choreographer Azmi Baba for arranging the tattoo and its accompanying music extremely well.

"The Prime Minister also thanks the Education Ministry's schools division director Ahmad Shafie for the encouraging and patriotic performance of the participating schoolchildren."

Tajol Rosli also expressed the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah 's satisfaction over the performance of the uniformed volunteer women's corps contingent who looked "most efficient and patriotic" during the parade.

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