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NORTH POLE CONQUERERS WIN NATIONAL YOUTH AWARD

KUALA LUMPUR, May 15 (Bernama) -- Brothers Gerald and Justin Read, the first Malaysians to set foot in the North Pole, were today proclaimed as recipients of the 1999 National Youth Award.

They won the award under the Special Excellent Achievement Award category.

They received the award from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the National Youth Day assembly at the Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil, here.

Gerald, 25, and Justin, 19, accompanied by a guide and two cameramen started their 111km mission on April 12 and reached the North Pole at 7.27am on April 19.

The brothers, who were from Petaling Jaya, reached the North Pole under extreme cold weather conditions measuring between -10 and -30 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, the sacrifice of Wan Mohd Hafizam Wan Ismail, 23, who donated his liver to 15-month-old Mohd Afiq Iqmal Muhamad Zaini last month was also accorded recognition at the assembly.

Wan Mohd Hafizam won the award under the "Daya Juang Yakin Boleh" category.

Fourteen people were chosen for various awards under the respective categories.

Persatuan Belia Harapan Kampung Mambang, Pekan, Pahang was selected under the association category and Gerakan Belia 4B Ulu Selangor chairman Kamarozaman Abdul Rahman romped home the award under the leadership category.

The Government Agency Special Award went to the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council while the award for private agency went to Kumpulan Eksekutif Perjawatan Syarikat-syarikat Perdagangan Bebas Sungai Way, Petaling Jaya.

Singer-cum-actor N.D. Lala won the award under the Arts and Culture category.

Also present were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

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