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Fomca's special award to Government

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations last night gave a special award to the Government for its contribution towards consumer protection.

The award was received by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a dinner organised by Fomca in conjunction with World Consumers Day 2001 at the Putra World Trade Centre.

In the citation for the award, presented by Fomca president Prof Mohd Hamdan Adnan, the federation said the award to the Government was in appreciation for the establishment of a ministry for consumer affairs.

The award was also for the Government's "brave and radical" action taken to deal with the economic crisis when it put in place currency controls to save the economy from currency speculators.

Fomca said it understood the heavy burden that was placed on the Government when it came up with an economic model then which was in contrast to existing ones.

The dinner was also to mark the culmination of a two-month consumer awareness campaign entitled "Consumerism: Back to Basics".

Earlier, Dr Mahathir presented Fomca appreciation awards to veteran consumerists Datuk Mohamed Sophe Sheikh Ibrahim, Tara Singh Gill, Bishan Singh Bahadur and Chua Kim Tee.

Dr Mahathir also launched the magazine Konsumer Digest.

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