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NORHISHAM WINS PDRM/TNB ENDURANCE RIDING CHAMPIONSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 11 (Bernama) -- L/Kpl Norhisham Idris, riding a horse named "Amir", today emerged as champion in the PDRM/TNB International Endurance Horseriding Championship which was held here for the first time.

The representative from the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) team won in the Federation Equestrian International's (FEI) 80km Tenaga Enduro category.

He clocked 7 hours 26 minutes and 11 seconds to beat Mark Haith from Kelab Sabah/TNB into second place and national participant Datuk Kamaruddin Abdul Ghani who finished third.

Haith, who rode Paddy, clocked 7:34:18s while Kamaruddin, who was among the gold medallists at the 21st SEA Games here two months ago, clocked 7:34:19s.

The event started at the Putrajaya Horseriding Unit's Stable and ended at the Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) Multipurpose Hall, in Kajang.

In the 60km Putrajaya Challenge category, L/Kpl Mohd Sharaf Ibrahim emerged as the winner clocking 5 hours 44 minutes 00 second.

However, there were no winners for the second and third placings in the category as the other 10 competitors had exceeded the time of 6 hours 40 minutes set for the race.

Meanwhile, the Mayor's team led by Kota Kinabalu Mayor Datuk Abdul Ghani Rashid won in the 20km Perdana Klasik category.

Abdul Ghani, who teamed up with Fuad Mahmud, Insp. Mohamad Din Mat and Prof Madya Tamjes Kastiran registered an overall time of 3:52:13s.

In second place was the Prime Minister's team led by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad with a time of 5:24:14s. Other members of the team were Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Datuk Kok Onn and Lai Kai Weng.

The Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) team, led by its chairman Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Mohd Jarjis, ended third with a time of 5:24:40s. Other riders in the team were Dr Yusof Ahmad, Mej (B) Abu Bakar Abdul Rahman and Sufian Said.

In the individual category for the Perdana Klasik event, Abdul Ghani emerged as the winner with a time of 1:01:59s while runner-up was Insp. Mohamad Din with a time of 1:02:00s and Dr Mahathir was third clocking 1:48:04s.

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