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Tajol Rosli gets Tokoh Belia award

IPOH, Tues. - Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali was today chosen as the Tokoh Belia Kebangsaan 2001 for his contribution to the development of youths in the country.

He received the award from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who had earlier launched the National Youth Day celebrations at Stadium Perak.

Dr Mahathir also presented the award for Tokoh Belia Wanita Kebangsaan 2001 to Kuala Kedah Wanita Umno chief Datuk Rokiah Zainudin.

Tajol Rosli, 56, was president of the Malaysian Youth Council from 1982 to 1986. He was also the first Asian to hold the secretary-general (1986-88) and president posts (1988-91) of the Asian Youth Council (AYC).

The son of former Perak Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ghazali Jawi, Tajol Rosli was also the national president for the 4B Youth Movement from 1991 to 1994.

Rokiah, 59, a former teacher, has been the vice-chairman of the Kedah branch of the Malaysian Association of Youth Councils since 1984.

Active in various youth organisations, Rokiah was former Dewan Negara Senator from 1983 to 1989 and also the women affairs bureau chairman of the national MAYC from 1996 to 2000.

Dr Mahathir also presented recognition awards to several youth organisations in various categories.

For the association category, the award went to the Gelang Patah 4B Youth Movement from Johor while for the leadership category, Abu Bakar Md Nor, who is Penang MAYC assistant secretary-general, was chosen.

In the community and volunteerism category, M. Somasunthram, who is known for his community work as a member of the Red Crescent Society, received the award while the entrepreneurship award went to Mohd Yusuf Aziz.

In the innovation category, Rusdin Daud received the award for his ingenuity in coming up with inventions to simplify welding works.

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