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Workers-Award

WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARDS GO TO K-ECONOMY WORKERS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 12 (Bernama) -- Two employees from the K-economy sector were today awarded the Worker of the Year awards in line with the theme of the Workers' Day this year, that is, "K-Workers, the Catalysts for Country's Excellence".

Kenzer Tan Heck Wee, overall quality management and communications manager of Infineon Technologies (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd was chosen as male Worker of the Year while Rohana Abdul Rahman, section leader at Elektrisoal (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, was the female Worker of the Year.

They received the awards from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a special rally to celebrate Workers' Day 2001 at Stadium Putra, Bukit Jalil.

Tan, 40, who has a degree in Computer Science and Engineering from California University, is also the first Malaysian to be appointed as Assessor of the European Foundation Quality Management (EFQM) in Brussels, Belgium.

His innovativeness had been instrumental in helping his company to achieve success in various fields including the Excellent Quality Management Award and the Productivity Award.

At the function, Infineon Technologies, from Batu Berendam, Melaka, was also given the Employer for Generating K-Workers Award for their efforts in providing IT training and courses to their 4,534 workers.

Rohana, 33, was chosen for contributing her ideas in enhancing skill and saving the operating cost for her employers, Elektrisola (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, in Janda Baik, Bentong, Pahang.

ST Microelectronic Sdn Bhd from Muar was given the award for Sensitive Employer for providing various employee development schemes besides providing facilities such as hostels, a kindergarten, clinic and library.

In his speech, Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn said the theme "K-Workers, the Catalysts for Country's Excellence" was chosen because the government felt only workers with knowledge and skill were capable of becoming catalysts for the rapid economic growth for the country in future.

He said the country needed workers with wide experience, diversified skill, creativity and inovativeness in order to achieve rapid economic growth.

Meanwhile, the Award for Handicapped Worker of the Year went to Teo Kah Choon (male), an appointment clerk at the Subang Jaya Medical centre and Batmavathi Krishnan (female), a librarian at Universiti Malaya.

The Exemplary Trade Union Award (Private Sector) went to Hitachi Consumer Products (M) Sdn Bhd's Workers Union while the Sarawak Teachers Union won the award for the public sector.

The Award for Sensitive Employer for the small and medium industry sector went to Dua-H Auto Sdn while the Harmonious Estate Award went to Ladang Batu Lintang in Serdang Kedah.

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