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SHAHRIMAN WINS BIKE PARK EVENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 28 (Bernama) -- Malaysia got off to a fine start in the Asian X Games Junior III and Qualifier IV championships here today when Shahrیمان Rusdee emerged champion in the bike park event at the KLCC Park here.

The student of Sekolah Menengah Bantuan Tung Hua in Sibu beat 16 other competitors with his impressive routines to collect 92.75 points.

Second place went to Thailand's Nuttapol Suwannatat who scored 91 points and third place to Zameer Abdul Malek of Singapore who earned 85.50 points.

The championships, being held in Malaysia for the first time, were opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The performance of Shahrیمان, 12, has placed him in a good position for the overall title in the BMX Bicycle Stunt junior category featuring three events.

He needs to win one more event, either the "best trick or flatland" final tomorrow, to emerge overall champion and book his ticket to train at the Woodward Camp in Pennsylvania, the United States.

The BMX Bicycle Stunt junior category is decided on the two highest scores from the three events contested.

Shahrیمان, who finished fifth in his debut in Phuket, Thailand, two years ago, said he would be taking part in the best trick only.

"This success is very meaningful to me, especially after having trained so hard for a year. However, my struggle is not over yet as I still have one more challenge tomorrow, in the best trick.

"I am confident of repeating today's success, and I hope to create history by winning this championship in front of our own fans," he said.

The results of two other final events today -- Inline Skating Park and Skateboarding Park -- will only be known tomorrow because of technical problems faced by the organisers.

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