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SHU MUN, SIN MEI PICKED AS BEST ATHLETES

KOTA KINABALU, Sept 14 (Bernama) -- Gymnast Ng Shu Mun of Perak and long jumper Ngew Sin Mei of Kuala Lumpur were picked as the best male and female athletes in the Ninth Malaysia Games (Sukma) which concluded at the Likas Stadium, here, tonight.

The 16-year-old Shu Mun, younger brother of Commonwealth Games silver medallist Shu Wai, bagged three gold and two silver medals in the artistic gymnastics competition.

He captured the gold in the floor exercise, horizontal bar and parallel bar and silver in the individual all-round and pommel horse.

For the 19-year-old Sin Mei, she smashed two national records as well as the Sukma records en route to the gold medal feat in the triple jump and long jump.

She rewrote her own national record of 12.81 metres with 12.86m in the triple jump on Sept 9, the opening day of the athletics events.

Then, a day later, Sin Mei smashed the nine-year-old national record in the long jump event 6.14m which was set by Noraishah Ismail in Kuala Lumpur with a new distance of 6.20m.

The most promising athletes award, a new award initiated by Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, went to the new sprint queen, Petra Nabila Mustafa, of Negeri Sembilan.

Petra Nabila, a 16-year-old student of the Tunku Kurshiyah College in Seremban, stole the limelight in the athletics with double victories in the 100m and 200m, cracking the Sukma record in the latter with a time of 24.37 seconds.

She won the 100m in 11.60s, but was denied the new record due to a technical fault where the electronic timing system was not functioning before the race.

Selangor won the overall champions title for the fourth consecutive time as well as fifth in the games history. Selangor garnered 655 points through 55 gold, 40 silver and 60 bronze medals.

All the winners received their prizes from Hishammuddin, who replaced Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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