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MIRZAN MAHATHIR APPOINTED AS ABLA JUDGE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 20 (Bernama) -- The founder and president of the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli), Mirzan Mahathir is the first Malaysian appointed as judge for the coming annual Asian Business Leader Awards (ABLA) to be held on Oct. 19 in Hong Kong.

ABLA is the first pan-regional awards that seek to recognize the achievements of business leaders based in Asia.

"The awards which started last year and held in Singapore was conceptualised, developed and organised by CNBC and TNT," said TNT Malaysia country general manager. L C Lee at the TNT CEO Nite organised by TNT Malaysia in appreciation of Mirzan's appointment.

Mirzan, who is also the executive chairman of Konsortium Logistik Bhd and Sabit Sdn Bhd and the director for Dataprep Holdings Bhd said the Asian region including Malaysia had many highly skilled business leaders.

"I believe that there are many insights that Asian CEOs (chief executive officer) can contribute towards the world of management and leadership and I look forward to discover some of them in this process," Mirzan said in his speech.

Also present at the dinner were IBM Malaysia managing director, Voon Seng Chuan and Sunway Group chief executive officer, Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah.

Lee said each year winners of ABLA were determined by a panel of 10 judges and this year the panel would be headed by Prof Dr Schutte, the Associate Dean for executive education in Asia from INSEAD, a highly regarded global business school.

He added that the remaining panel of judges were selected from representatives of senior business editorial members of Dow Jones, economist, academe and prominent figures in the Asian business world.

The awards are divided into four categories -- Asian Business Leader of The Year (the main award), Innovator of The Year, Corporate Citizen of The Year and CEO's Choice (whose winner is determined via a poll conducted among top Asian CEOs). -- BERNAMA

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