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GRAND HAUL FOR M'SIA IN DOUBLES COMPETITION

BUTTERWORTH, March 5 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's dominance in the 6th Asian Schools Tenpin Bowling Championship at the Megalanes Bowling Centre here continued as they won both the boys and girls doubles competitions today.

The duo of Jonathan Lim and Nadri Mohd Noor combined well to capture the gold medal in the boys competition, knocking down 2,434 points.

Jonathan had 1,292 points while Nadri, who won the boys singles gold medal yesterday, rolled 1,142 points for a combined average of 205.

However both Jonathan and Nadri were troubled in the last game as each had four open frames and the Filipino trio of JC Tupaz and Clark Tiu were breathing down their necks with a high 440.

Malaysia's Khairul Hafidz and Karry Chang were also in great form for the gold medal and they almost made it with an impressive 452 in their final game.

Jonathan and Nadri though were 130 pins ahead going into the final game. Realising the danger in the 9th frame, the duo pulled their focus together and struck home to knock down a 327 to beat Khairul and Karry by only 13 pins.

Khairul and Karry settled for the silver medal on 2,421 with the Filipino duo getting the bronze medal, four pinfalls behind.

"This is my first doubles gold medal of the Asian school championship", said Jonathan.

Nadri said he was very happy with his performance today and hoped to win the remaining events.

"I hope to continue my fine form and win the team, All-Events and Masters golds," he said.

In the girls competition, Malaysia's Voon Kim Ling and Yazliza Razlan won the gold medal for Malaysia after knocking down 2,325 pins to beat Australia's Toni Woodcock and Jayde Flanagan by 64 pins.

Yazliza was in fine form, knocking down 1,205 while Voon had 1,120.

"I won the singles, team and masters golds in the last championship in Melbourne (Australia), so the doubles gold is a good addition to my medal collection", said Yazliza.

The defending champion, who was a disappointment in the singles competition yesterday, said she had crumbled in the singles as she was under severe pressure.

As for Voon, she was happy with her performance having won the bronze in the singles yesterday.

"I am aiming to win a medal in all the events and I know I can do it," said Voon who is a member of the national youth squad in the last two years.

Australia's Toni Woodcock and Jayde Flanagan took the silver on 2,261 while the bronze went to Malaysia's Elaine Lam and Enaz Diana Ezanee who had 2,169.

Fourth were Malaysia's third pair of Sharon Koh and Esther Cheah who knocked down 2,166 pins.

With only three more games in the team event, all eight Malaysian girls and seven out of the eight Malaysian boys are among the top 16 qualifiers for the Masters starting tomorrow.

The only boy not among the top 16 is Mahathir Mohd Nor but he is not far behind in 18th place with 2,775 points and is a mere 33 pins from 16th spot.

Results:

Boys doubles:

Gold: Jonathan Lim/Nadri Mohd Noor (MAS) 2,434 pts

Silver: Khairul Hafidz Zamri/Karry Chang (MAS) 2,421

Bronze: JC Tupaz/Clark Tiu (PHI) 2,417

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