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A PM tweet for hockey hero

Goalie Kumar's historic award receives congratulatory Twitter message from Najib

PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has congratulated national hockey goalkeeper S. Kumar after he was named Asia's best player for 2010 - the first Malaysian to win the award.

The Prime Minister congratulated Kumar via a Twitter message yesterday.

The 32-year-old sportsman from Tampin was presented the AHF (Asian Hockey Federation) president's award on Sunday *(pic)*.

Kumar, who took up the sport when he was 15, made his senior international debut at the 1999 Brunei SEA Games and now has 166 caps to his name. He dedicated his most recent award to his late father.

Last year, Kumar was involved in four tournaments.

He won the best goalkeeper award in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup tournament and was named in the Asian All-Star team after the Guangzhou Asiad. He was also in the Malaysian team which won a five-nation tournament in France.

At the Delhi Commonwealth Games, he had to return home after two matches when his father passed away. Soon after, at the Guangzhou Asian Games, he played a pivotal role to help Malaysia win a silver medal for the



first time in the Games.

Najib posted another video response on his blog to answer questions posted to him by the public last week.

In the latest video, Najib was asked by Danial Fahmi: "Will there be further development for youth so that we can reach our full potential and so that we can slowly eliminate social problems?"

"I have announced an allocation of RM20mil for youth development through the

1 Malaysia youth fund in the 2011 budget," he said in a video upload <http://www.1malaysia.com.my/blog/my-answers-to-tanyanajib/> yesterday.

Najib said the fund was an idea mooted in a youth lab conducted last year by young people from diverse backgrounds.

"On 21 stJan, I will officially launch the fund and announce more details on how Malaysian youth can take advantage of this opportunity," he said.

He said it was an idea to motivate the youth to undertake projects of their choice and projects that were consistent with the 1 Malaysia theme.

Najib had invited Malaysians to send him questions over Twitter and Facebook on Jan 12.