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Manage success wisely, paralympians told

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's Rio Paralympics medal winners who received rewards from the government and private sector should manage their success wisely, said Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

"The government and corporations have rewarded your efforts but always remember where it all started.

"Now that you are celebrities and icons, you should not let success go to your head. Instead, you should continue to inspire people," Khairy said during an award ceremony hosted by Naza Corporation Holdings for the four medallists at the

company's headquarters here yesterday.

Khairy added that Malaysia's success in clinching three gold medals and one bronze was proof that nothing is impossible if one works really hard.

"These athletes have been branded 'luar biasa' (extraordinary) and it has exceeded sporting achievements alone.

"Because when they run, throw and jump, they gave a message to all Malaysians that every one of us can overcome challenges," he said.

The first gold medal was won by Mohamad Ridzuan Mohamad Puzi in the room T36 (celebral palsy) event while the second medal was bagged by Muhammad Ziyad Zolkefli, who also set a new world record in the men's shot putt F20

(intellectual disability) event.

The third gold medal was won by long jump athlete Abdul Latif Romly in the men's T20 (intellectual disability) event where he broke his own world record by leaping to a 7.6m mark.

The bronze medal was achieved by Siti Noor Radiah Ismail in the women's long jump T20 (intellectual disability) event.

The Naza Group Of Companies awarded each of the gold medallists a residential suite at Trion 888, Equine Park, Seri Kembangan and a new Kia Sportage car. Bronze medallist Siti Noor received a Kia Rio Sedan.

Trion 888 is being developed by Naza TTDI Sdn Bhd, the property arm of Naza Corporation Holdings.

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(From left)
Former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Siti Noor Radiah, Abdullah's wife Tun Jeanne Abdullah, Mohamad Ridzuan, Muhammad Ziyad, Abdul Latif, Khairy and Naza chairman S.M. Nasarudin S.M. Nasimuddin at the presentation ceremony yesterday.



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