

**DPM Wants Malaysian Skills Contingent To Create Success Stories At International Level**  
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PUTRAJAYA, Oct 20 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi wants the Malaysian skills contingent to create more success stories and not to just remain as village champion or 'jaguh kampung'.

He said as the participants had proven their abilities at the national level, they should be able to display better performance at the ASEAN and international levels.

As such, Ahmad Zahid, who will be chairing the meeting for the ASEAN Skills Competition (ASC) 2016, also wanted the Human Resources Ministry, Works Ministry and the Youth and Sports Ministry to collaborate in preparing the Malaysian team to face the challenges at the ASC in Kuala Lumpur next year.

"This collaboration, especially in terms of sponsorship, is vital to ensure that our participants will be able to clinch the gold medal at the international-level competition," he said this at the Prime Minister's Golden Hand Award 2015 event here today.

Ahmad Zahid presented the award, which is the highest recognition for skilled individual in Malaysia, to Mohammad Tarmizi Abu Hassan, a student of the Industrial Training Institute in Kepala Batas.

The 22-year-old student had performed excellently in the Worlds Skills Malaysia Belia (WSMB) competition in the field of information network cabling and was chosen to represent Malaysia to the ASEAN Skills Competition 2016 in Kuala Lumpur and World Skills Competition 2017 in Abu Dhabi.

Meanwhile, the deputy prime minister said, Malaysia had also created history in the participation in international skills competition when Airul Firham Che Amran bagged the bronze medal in the hairdressing category at the 2015 World Skills Competition (WSC) in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

"Although hairdressing is known as a women's area of expertise, the victory should be strengthened by the combination of our male and female participants to help Malaysia shines at the WSC 2017 in Abu Dhabi," he said.

To ensure success in Abu Dhabi, Ahmad Zahid promised to try to get a special allocation and to offer higher cash prize if the Malaysian participant bagged the gold medal.

At the event, Ahmad Zahid also presented medal and certificates to the Malaysian contingent to the WSC 2015 and WSMB.

Also present were Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri Richard Riot Jaem, Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof and Deputy Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri Ismail

Abd Muttalib, who is also Chairman of the Malaysian Skills Competition Council.

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