

Malaysia Emerge Overall Champion of ASEAN Skills Competition 2016
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- Malaysia emerged overall champion of the ASEAN Skills Competition (ASC) 2016, winning 24 gold medals which surpassed the 15-medal target.

The national contingent also bagged four silver and five bronze medals, as well as six Medallion for Excellence from the 25 skill categories contested.

Mohamad Farhan Zaki, who won the gold medal in the automobile technology category, was also named the recipient of the 'Best Of Nation' award this time around.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi gave away the prizes at the ASC 2016 closing ceremony held at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC) here Wednesday night.

Also present were Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri Richard Riot Jaem and Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

All the Malaysian gold medals were won by individuals who competed in categories which included beauty therapy, cooking, electronics, refrigeration and air conditioning, aircraft maintenance, automobile, cabinet-making, hair dressing, welding and computer network.

Fifty Malaysian participants were sent to take part in the competition.

This is the third time Malaysia played host of ASC after that in 1995 and 2008. At the 2014 ACS, Malaysia won nine gold medals.

At the closing ceremony, the competition flag was also presented to Thailand's Minister of Labour, Gen Sirichai Distakul, as Thailand will be the host of ASC 2018.

ASC is organised once in every two years with ASEAN member countries taking turns to host the event.

Themed 'Skills for a Brighter Future' the competition was organised simultaneously with the National Skills Carnival and Expo ended today at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang (MAEPS).

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