

# Jemilah first Malaysian to win the ASEAN Prize

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BANGKOK, Nov 3 -- The Founder of Mercy Malaysia, Tan Sri Dr Jemilah Mahmood, is selected as the winner of the ASEAN Prize 2019 in recognition of her leading role in various humanitarian missions and disaster management in the region.

She is the first Malaysian to receive the award, which was inaugurated in Singapore last year.

Dr Jemilah, 60, received a trophy and cash prize of US\$20,000 from Thailand Prime Minister General Prayuth Chan o-cha and ASEAN Secretary General Datuk Lim Jock Hoi during the opening ceremony of the 35th ASEAN Summit and Related Summit here today.

Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and other leaders from ASEAN witnessed the award ceremony.

Dr Jemilah is a member of the senior leadership team at the International Federation of Red Crescent , representing the organization' s interest and the Secretary General when required

The ASEAN Prize is a prestigious award which aims to acknowledge the inspiring and outstanding achievements of an individual or organisation in fostering the ASEAN identity, promoting the ASEAN spirit and championing the ASEAN way.

Last year, the ASEAN Prize went to former chairperson of the ASEAN Autism Network, Erlinda Uy Koe from the Philippines.

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