

MALAYSIAN BUSINESS DOES IT AGAIN!

WE win again! Our editorial team won two awards at the recent *Malaysian Press Institute-Petronas Journalism Awards 2004*.

Writer Bhupinder Singh, 35, won the main prize in the *Economic/Financial Reporting* category, which comes with a RM5,000 cash prize, a certificate of appreciation and a plaque.

He won the award for his article entitled *Banking on Faith – Islamic Finance Rakes In Profits*. The article highlighted the development in the Malaysian Islamic banking and insurance industry, which has grown by leaps and bounds over the past two decades.

Bhupinder joined *Malaysian Business* in August 2000 after completing his Master of Financial Economics at Universiti Putra Malaysia. He also has a degree in Business Administration from the International Islamic University Malaysia.

Writer Clarence Y K Ngui, 28, won the consolation prize in the *Best Magazine Writer (English)* category for his feature, *A Class War: BMW and Mercedes Fight It Out*. His article focused on how the two German automotive giants were fighting for top spot in the country's luxury-car sector. He took home a cash prize of RM1,500, a certificate and a plaque of appreciation. There was no main prize-winner in the category.

For the record, this is Ngui's fifth MPI award. His latest win means he has won the *Best Magazine Writer* award for four consecutive years since 2001. Apart from that, he also bagged the *Best Economic/Financial Reporting* award for 2002.

Ngui, who joined *Malaysian Business* in September 2000, is an Economics graduate of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. He is now pursuing his Master of Arts (Southeast Asian History) at Universiti Malaya.

The awards, sponsored by Petroleum Nasional Bhd (Petronas), were presented by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak at Hotel Istana in Kuala Lumpur. Also present were MPI Chairman Datuk Ahmad A Talib; Petronas Human Resource Management Vice-President Ainon Marziah Wahi; Deputy Information Minister Datuk Donald Lim; Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hassan; Datuk A Kadir Jasin, Editor-in-Chief of Berita Publishing Sdn Bhd which publishes *Malaysian Business*; and other senior editors.

The *Special Jury Award* went to Datuk Mohd Nor Khalid, better known as Lat. He is without doubt Malaysia's most popular cartoonist and has a series of titles published by Berita Publishing. This award is given to those who have contributed to journalism and society and have become an institution in their own right. **mb**



Well done: Bhupinder (top pix) and Ngui (middle pix) receiving their awards from Najib while Ahmad (left) and Ainon look on. In the bottom pix is Lat receiving his award