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**Beaming:** Syafiq Ridhwan Abdul Malik showing the RM10,000 mock cheque he received under the National Higher Education scheme yesterday.

## Bowler Syafiq aims to complete his studies in UPM by June

By AFTAR SINGH

**KUALA LUMPUR:** AMF World Cup champion Syafiq Ridhwan Abdul Malik is ready to shift his focus to his studies for now.

The 26-year-old will begin his sixth and final semester on Monday and he wants to complete his studies by June in order to obtain a degree in Human Resource from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

Syafiq said that he has been studying in the university for six years, so "I don't want to take any more semester breaks to play in tournaments".

"What's important now is to finish my studies first before I think of other things," said Syafiq, who became the first Malaysian bowler to win the AMF World Cup title in Wroclaw, Poland, last December.

His feat in Poland resulted in him receiving the National Higher Education award and an RM10,000 incentive together with an iPad from the Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin last night.

This is the second time that Syafiq is receiving the award. He also won it in 2011 after bagging three golds (doubles, trios, Masters) and one silver (All-Events) in the Asean University Games in Chiangmai in 2010.

He also won the silver in team event in the Guangzhou Asian Games in 2010. Syafiq said that once he's done with his studies, his ultimate goals would be to win two medals at the World Championships in Las Vegas in August.

"Although there are six events in the world meet, I'll be more than happy to win any two medals," said Syafiq.

But it won't be all study either.

"Although I'll be focusing on my studies, I will take a few days' break to compete in my first meet this year - the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Germany next month (March 19-24)," said Syafiq.

"I aim to win the Masters event. Although I'm the AMF World Cup champion, I don't feel any pressure. I want to continue bowling and winning honours."

Meanwhile, diver Bryan Nickson Lomas and petanque athlete Mohd Nuzul Azwan Ahmad Termizi also received incentives for their fine performances last year.

The duo each received RM5,000 and iPad beside certificates.

The Sarawak-born Bryan, of Universiti Malaya, won the bronze medal in 3-metre springboard event in the FINA World Cup in London last February.

Nuzul, of Universiti Islam Antarabangsa, bagged the bronze in the triples event of the petanque World Cup in Marseille, last October.