

Huge honour for Selangor Club

RSC leads the way in Olympic Committee awards that bestows recognition on sportspersons

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ROYAL Selangor Club was presented with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Trophy at the Olympic Council of Malaysia's annual dinner awards night in Kuala Lumpur.

The organising committee, headed by vice-president Tan Sri Abdul Halil Abd Manaf, chose RSC for the IOC Trophy themed - 150 years, Pierre de Coubertin, Sports as a School of Life.

Sports as a school of life means using sports as a vehicle or means to teach people, especially the youth, on the values of sports, which in today's terms are known as Olympic values, comprising balance between mind, body and character, joy of effort, fair play, respect for others and pursuit of excellence.

And RSC, a club established in 1884, is a legacy of the colonial British government of the 19th century with sports development and participation being their main activity.

Royal Selangor has been actively involved in the development of badminton, cricket, darts, football, hockey, netball, rugby, squash and swimming.

Over the years, the RSC has played an important role in grooming many national athletes who had represented the country in



For the development of sports: OCM President Tunku Ja'afar (fifth from right) and chairman of organising committee Tan Sri Abdul Halil Abd Mualif (third from right) together with the recipients at the awards dinner.

the SEA Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympics.

RSC president Bryan Perera, who received the award on behalf of the club, said it was a proud moment for Royal Selangor.

"We have been playing an active role in the

promotion and development of sports for many decades. And we are happy to gain recognition from the Olympic Council of Malaysia," said Bryan.

The Olympic Council of Malaysia Women and Sports Committee also presented awards to outstanding women who had contributed to the advancement of women in sports. Former national hurdler Datuk Marina Chin, the principal of the Bukit Jalil Sports School, was presented with the OCM Women and Sport Award.

The leadership award went to Linda Geh Guan Yeow, while the other recipients were Ee Hong (grassroots development), Beatrice Alfred Lajawa (technical achievement) and Abdul Hadi Ahmad -Kimberley Ann Gagnon (partnership).

Malaysia Netball Association president Datuk Suraya Yaacob was named as the winner of the IOC achievement diploma.

Fifteen former internationals were inducted into the OCM Hall of Fame. They are Aminullah Karim (hockey) Lawrence Van Huizen (hockey), Lim Heng Chek (hockey), Fong Seow Hor (swimming), Michael Arulraj (hockey), Daphne Boudville (hockey, athletics and football), Hector Durairatnam (cricket), Ahmad Mahmud (athletics and rugby), N. Thanabalan (football), Datuk Kamaruddin Abdul Ghani (equestrian), Rosli Abdul Kadir (cycling), Datuk Ow Soon Kooi (hockey), M. Vasugi (taekwondo), R. Dhanaraj (taekwondo) and Chai Fong Ying (wushu).

Fong Ying, a two-time world champion, was the youngest among the inductees. The 23-year-old is pursuing an accountancy degree programme at Universiti Putra Malaysia.



Proud day: Bryan with the IOC Trophy.

Honours List

Hall of Fame inductees: Aminullah Karim, Lawrence Van Huizen, Datuk Ow Soon Kooi, Michael Arulraj, Lim Heng Chek (all hockey), Fong Seow Hor (swimming), Daphne Boudville (hockey, athletics, football), Hector Durairatnam (cricket), Ahmad Mahmud (athletics, rugby), N. Thanabalan (football), Datuk Kamaruddin Abdul Ghani (equestrian), Rosli Abdul Kadir (cycling), M. Vasugi, R. Dhanaraj (both taekwondo), Chai Fong Ying (wushu).

IOC Trophy: Royal Selangor Club
IOC Achievement Diploma: Datuk Suraya Yaacob

Women Sports Award: Datuk Marina Chin

Women Leadership Award: Linda Geh Guan Yeow

Women Grassroots Development Award: Ee Hong

Women Sport Technical Achievement Award: Beatrice Alfred Lajawa

Women Sport Partnership Award: Abdul Hadi Ahmad and Kimberley Ann Gagnon



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Exemplary feat: The inductees and Tunku Imran (centre) posing for a group photo.