Huge honour for Selangor Club

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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 Abdul Manaf, chose RSC for the IOC Trophy themed — 150 years, Pierre de Coubet, 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 Mutalif (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. We are very 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 hurdles 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 Yew, while the other recipients were Ee Hong (grassroots development), Beatrice Alfred Lajawa (technical achievement) and Abdul Hadi Ahmad — Kimberly 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 Anaraj (hockey), Daphne Boudville (hockey, athletics and football), Hector Durairatnam (cricket), Ahmad Mahmud (athletics, rugby), N. Thuanhalan (football), Datuk Kamaruddin Abdul Ghani (equestrian), Rosli Abdul Kadir (cricket), Ahmad Mahmud (athletics, rugby), N. Thuanhalan (football), Datuk Kamaruddin Abdul Ghani (equestrian), Rosli Abdul Kadir (cricket), Ahmad Mahmud (athletics, rugby), N. Thuanhalan (football), Datuk Kamaruddin Abdul Ghani (equestrian), Rosli Abdul Kadir (cricket), Ahmad Mahmud (athletics, rugby), N. Thuanhalan (football), Datuk Kamaruddin Abdul Ghani (equestrian), Rosli Abdul Kadir (cricket), Ahmad Mahmud (athletics, rugby), N. Thuanhalan (football), Datuk Kamaruddin Abdul Ghani (equestrian), Rosli Abdul Kadir (cricket), Ahmad Mahmud (athletics, rugby), N. Thuanhalan (football).