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Former Olympian wishes BJSS graduates a bright future

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FORMER Olympian Datuk Dr M. Jegathesan inspired the current batch of Bukit Jalil Sports School (BJSS) pre-university graduates to embark on their brilliant careers with his rousing words of wisdom.

The Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM) deputy president said it was a special occasion for them to rejoice and reflect on their achievements because they had completed an important chapter in their life and were moving on to take up challenges as young adults.

"It has always been a nostalgic moment to be surrounded by young people with a bright future ahead of them because it brings back fond memories.

"Success and achievements are products of a dream with proper plan and vision.

"Our young sportsmen and sportswomen have been receiving unparalleled support to do well with full backing from the government.

"But, they should show their resilience to be independent," Jegathesan added.

Education Ministry's Sports, Arts and Co-curriculum Department sports management director Raymond Gai Panting and BJSS principal Marina Chin were also present.

Chin said the pre-university programme was a progression phase to prepare the students

for life and produce many more generations of educated athletes.

A total of 29 students received their certificates at the seventh convocation ceremony held at the school recently.

The graduates' representative, Mohd Syazrul Faiz Ab Jabal, said it was a privilege to be given the opportunity to combine studies and sports through the flexible programme.

"The teachers were concerned with our welfare and patient with us," added Syazrul, who is pursuing his degree in education at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

Wushu exponent Loh Jack Chang from Sarawak attained an accumulated average grade of 3.932 to bag the principal's silver award.

Meanwhile, women's high jumper Wong Boon Syian took the principal's bronze award with an accumulated average grade of 3.837 in six subjects.

The 20-year-old lass from Johor said she gave her best effort to gain university entrance in two years.

"I started studying at BJSS when I was in Form One. I had an enjoyable time here and the pre-university programme offered us the freedom to continue to train and compete.

"Now, I am taking up accounting at UPM," added Wong, who aspires to clear 1.80m and qualify for the SEA Games next year.

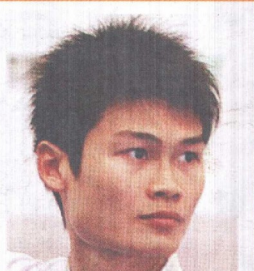


Time to rejoice: Wong (left) receiving her certificate from Jegathesan (second right) while Raymond (second left) and Chin looks on.

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Azlan Johari (shooting), Baljit Singh Sarjab Singh (hockey), Mohd Razali Mohd Zulkipli (hockey), Muhammad Hafiz Zakaria (hockey), Muhammad Razie Abd Rahim (hockey), Shahreel Iqbal Dom Amy (golf), Noor Amarina Ruhani (hockey), Siti Shahida Saad (hockey), Siti Sholeha Mohd Yusof (archery), Yuslinda Mat Isa Tia (weightlifting), Irza Hanie Abu Samah (archery), Jeffrey Kiang Chow Keat (taekwondo), Jen Chan Guo (athletics), Loh Jack Chang (wushu), Nicholas Nathan (taekwondo), Ryan Chong Wy Lunn (taekwondo), Ahmad Kazamirul Nasruddin (hockey), Husnul Ariq Bakri (fencing), C. Maalani (karate), Mohd Ifzul Hayat Ahman (hockey), Muhammad Faisal Kamaruddin (hockey), Mohd Syazrul Faiz Ab Jabal (athletics), Noor Akmar Abdul Fatah (athletics), Nur Fidrah Noh (lawn bowl), Razman Mat Ali (sailing), Siti Nurulain Abdul Rahim (athletics), Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin Tengku Abdul Jalil (hockey), Wong Boon Syian (athletics), Zaid Izlan Ibrahim Hakimi (bowling).



Loh Jack Chang: Received the principal's silver medal.