

State govts reward Olympians for achievements

MALACCA: Malacca-born Goh Liu Ying would continue representing Malaysia in the badminton mixed doubles at least until the 2017 World Championships.

On whether she planned to retire after last month's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, the 27-year-old shuttler said it depended on the condition of her knees.

"Since they are fine, I will play for the country in the following tournaments," she said before a breakfast session with Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron and his wife, Datin Seri Fadilah Abdullah at their official residence, Seri Bendahara, here yesterday.

Present were Goh's parents, Goh Chak Whee, 59, and Yong Ooi Lin, 53, as well as her younger brother, Goh Qi Liang, 25.

Goh, who won the silver medal with her mixed doubles partner, Chan Peng Soon, at the Rio Games said her goal was to qualify for the Super Series Finals this year and the World Championships next year.

"These are my main targets. I have not thought about the next Olympics Games."

Goh presented one of the shirts that she wore during the Rio Games to Fadilah and the racket that she used in the mixed doubles final to Idris.

Idris said the state government would approve Goh's application for one of the 600 plots of land either in Jasin or Durian Tunggal, reserved for civil servants in the state.

Although the state government had re-



The Perak government has awarded **national diver Cheong Jun Hoong an apartment unit worth RM320,000** for her silver win at the recent Rio Olympics. Pic by L. Manimaran

ceived more than 10,000 applications for the plots of land, Goh was accorded the privilege to apply because of her contributions to the country and state.

"We will also make a request to Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Mohd Khalil Yaakob to confer Goh with the 'Bintang Cemerlang Melaka' in conjunction with his birthday next month," he said, adding that the state government would award RM25,000 each to Goh and Chan during the state's civil servants monthly assembly later this month.

In **George Town**, Chan has vowed to improve his performance at the Japan and Korea Opens later this month.

"I will continue to fight for more honours for Malaysia leading to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics," he said after receiving RM50,000 as an incentive from the Hunza Group of Companies, adding that he would resume

training next Monday to prepare for the tournaments.

He received a mock cheque from the group's adviser, Datuk Seri Khor Teng Tong, and executive director Khor Tze Ming.

In **Ipoh**, the Perak government rewarded national diver Cheong Jun Hoong with a RM320,000 apartment unit and RM15,000 cash for winning a silver medal at the Rio Games.

State Sports Committee chairman Datuk Shahrul Zaman Yahya, who presented the reward on behalf of Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir, said it was a token of appreciation from the state government for Cheong's achievement.

The apartment, developed by Kumpulan Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Perak, is being constructed in Taman Meru and due for completion in 2018.