



**AirAsia CEO Tan Sri Tony Fernandes** (top seventh from left) with the Asean Olympic medalists.

## AirAsia honour Rio medallists

**ASEAN** medal winners at the ongoing Rio Paralympics will also receive free flights from AirAsia.

AirAsia CEO Tan Sri Tony Fernandes announced this in Bangkok yesterday after Asean medal winners at last month's Rio Olympics were presented with their rewards.

Asean had 21 medal winners in the Olympics and AirAsia will give gold medallists a life-time of free flights on their 120 routes around the world, five years for silver medallists and three years for bronze medallists.

"This offer is to make it easier for them to criss-cross the Asean region, as well as our other worldwide flight paths on AirAsia X to train, and go on holidays. There are no restrictions on the amount of times, baggage weight as well as meals. Everything will be inclusive," said Fernandes.

From Malaysia, women's synchronised 10m platform diving silver medallist Cheong Jun Hoong and keirin bronze medallist Azizulhasni Awang received their passes from

Fernandes.

"We are honoured to be able to present free flights to the men and women who have inspired the region with their sporting excellence.

"Too often, sports is overlooked in Asean but their achievements show we can be the world's best when we set our mind to it, together with the right support and infrastructure.

"The same deal will be offered to our Asean paralympians who are competing in the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro right now."