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# An An-gel who flew to gold

IF there was one person who stood tall in Malaysia's run to the netball gold, it was goal shooter An Najwa Azizan. She played a pivotal role in leading the team to success after 16 years.

The 20-year-old slotted 31 goals in Malaysia's 65-41 win over arch-rivals Singapore in the final.

In fact, she was the top scorer in most of Malaysia's matches.

Najwa, who won the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award during Malaysia's triumph at the Asian Championship last year, attributed the team's success to their unity.

"Everyone in the team played

their part. We've worked hard for the last one year and we've reaped the reward," said Najwa.

"The defenders, the midfielders, the shooters – all 12 of us were united in our mission for revenge against Singapore."

At the 2015 Singapore SEA Games, Malaysia lost by just three points to the host.

Najwa also thanked the supporters, netball officials and especially their coach – Australian Tracey Robinson – for their success.

Malaysia last won the netball gold at the 2001 Kuala Lumpur SEA Games.



**We are the champions:** National netball athletes proudly showing off their gold medals after taming defending champ Singapore in the final match. — Bernama