

MSSMKL recognises sports achievers

Perfect end to school year for youngsters

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IT WAS a perfect end to the academic year for the outstanding sports achievers who competed under the Malaysia Schools Sports Council Kuala Lumpur (MSSMKL) banner, at the 2006-2007 MSSMKL Sports Awards ceremony on Tuesday last week.

At the function, they were rewarded for their contributions in winning honours for the city side.

Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur Education Department director Mohd Radzi Abd Jabar said the occasion was an annual affair to recognise the endeavours of those who had worked tirelessly to elevate the standard of sports at the grassroots level in the state.

"Educators play an important role in inculcating a passion for sports among school children. We also appreciate the Kuala Lumpur City Council's (DBKL's) continuous support in assisting us in guiding the children to build their character through sports," Radzi added.

DBKL director general Datuk Salleh Yusup reiterated their commitment to grooming the junior athletes.

"Sports have a unique way to promote social integration in our multiracial society. Youngsters should complement their intellectual development with healthy physical pursuits," he added.

Nestle Products sports marketing manager Ng Ping Loong, Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur Education Department human development management head Tajudin Mohamad Mor and Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur Education Department sports unit head Nordin Mohd Noor were also present.

The rhythmic gymnasts displayed their grace and flair to clinch the Sportsgirl awards in the Under-12 and Under-15 categories through Durah Jasmin Abu Din and Elaine Tan Ee Leng respectively.

In addition, the rhythmic gymnasts also took the girls' Under-12 best team award. They



Cream of the crop: Salleh (right), Radzi (third from right) and Ng (second from left) sharing a light moment with MSSMKL junior achievers (from left) Gopi, Lee, Tan and Barr.

had emerged as overall champions at the Malaysia Schools Sports Council (MSSM) meet this year with an impressive haul of 18 gold, six silver and five bronze medals.

Meanwhile, budding swimmers also made a splash, with Ian James Barr winning the Under-12 Sportsboy award and Joshua Lee Lean Yoong securing the corresponding honour in the boys' Under-15.

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DATUK SALLEH YUSUP



Moving up: Gopi hopes to do well at senior level.

SMK Maxwell Upper Sixth student B. Gopi was delighted to be named the top Under-18 Sportsboy in his final year in school.

"I have improved a lot over the past nine months, training under my coach (S. Ganeson)," said Gopi, 19.

In his debut at the South-East Asia Junior Games in Singapore this year, Gopi had won the boys' 2,000m steeplechase.

He also captured three gold medals at the National Junior Athletics Championships, in the 1,500m, 5,000m and 3,000m steeplechase.

"My aim is to represent the country in the next SEA Games," Gopi added.

Based on his good track record over the past seven years, hockey coach Saiful Munir Mansor of SMK Bandar Tasik Selatan was acknowledged as the Coach of the Year.

Last year, Saiful guided the MSSMKL side to the boys' Under-12 title in the MSSM meet.

Under the tutelage of the 43-year-old Saiful, a total of 10 junior players were called up to join the Bandar Penawar Sports School and Bukit Jalil Sports School between 2002 and 2006.

Three of them went on to don the national junior stripes.

"I know that I lost many good players because the national set-up took on the role to groom them. Personally, I feel that my sacrifices to help them move up the ranks has been appreciated with this humble recognition," said Saiful, a father of two teenagers, aged 14 and 16 years.



Top man: Hockey coach Saiful won the Coach of the Year award.

ROLL OF HONOUR

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

- **Boys' Under-12:** Ian James Barr, SJKC Jalan Davidson (Aquatics)

- **Girls' Under-12:** Durah Jasmin Abu Din, SK Convent Bukit Nanas 1 (Rhythmic Gymnastics)

- **Boys' Under-15:** Joshua Lee Lean Yoong, SMK Seri Bintang Selatan (Aquatics)

- **Girls' Under-15:** Elaine Tan Ee Leng, SMK Convent Bukit Nanas (Rhythmic Gymnastics)

- **Boys' Under-18:** B. Gopi, SMK Maxwell (Athletics)

- **Girls' Under-18:** Rozliana M. Ridwan, SMK Aminuddin Baki (Handball)

- **Boys' Special Award:** Jaysamint Singh Salvinder Singh, SMK Yaacob Latif (Bowling)

- **Girls' Special Award:** Hernani Dewi Eni Kuty, SM Pendidikan Khas Setapak (Athletics)

- **Gold Award:** Rozliana M. Ridwan, SMK Aminuddin Baki (Handball)

- **Coach Of The Year:** Saiful Munir Mansor, SMK Bandar Tasik Selatan (Hockey)

- **Leadership Award:** Saiful Munir Mansor

PROMISING ATHLETES

- **Boys' Under-11:** Pasha Saiful Mohd Iqbal Ali, SK Bukit Damansara (Football)

- **Girls' Under-11:** Emy Farrah Elena Mohd Johari, SK Convent Bukit Nanas 1 (Rhythmic Gymnastics)

- **Boys' Under-14:** Muhammad Izz

Saifuddin, SK Taman Bukit Maluri (Chess)

- **Girls' Under-14:** Nor Amalina Tugiman, SK Jalan Gurney 1 (Athletics)

- **Boys' Under-16:** Ku Anas Ku Zamil, SMK Datuk Ibrahim Yaacob (Sailing)

- **Girls' Under-16:** Goh Fuat Ying, SMK Convent Bukit Nanas (Aquatics)

BEST TEAM

- **Boys' Under-12:** Chess

- **Girls' Under-12:** Rhythmic Gymnastics

- **Boys' Under-15:** Chess

- **Girls' Under-15:** Basketball

- **Boys' Under-18:** Aquatics

- **Girls' Under-18:** Basketball

PROMISING SCHOOL

- **Primary:** SK Setapak Indah (Volleyball)

- **Secondary:** SMK Seri Sentosa (Athletics)

MANAGEMENT AWARD

- **Best Primary School:** SK Bandar Tun Razak 1 (Hockey)

- **Best Secondary School:** SMK Raja Abdullah (Badminton)

- **Primary School Inter-Zone Champion:** SK Danau Kota (Keramat)

- **Primary School Inter-Zone Runner-up:** SK Taman Midah 1 (Pudu)

- **Secondary School Inter-Zone Champion:** SMK Bangsar (Bangsar)

- **Secondary School Inter-Zone Runner-up:** SMK Puteri Titawangsa (Keramat)