PSD and Jakim win big for innovation

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TH Prime Service Department (PSD) and Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (Jakim) emerged the biggest winners of the Prime Minister’s Department Innovation Awards 2013.

The accolades were presented by Prime Minister Tun Sri Muhdyddin姝as in a ceremony last Tuesday, held in conjunction with the Prime Minister’s Department Excellence Awards 2013.

Several other honours were also presented to departments and individuals for their stellar achievements and performance, especially in providing top-notch services to the people.

The programme was initiated to encourage and inculcate reading habits and knowledge-sharing among the departmental staff. Its significance is that it is implemented in-house, able to save costs and holistically designed to involve everyone ages group from children to students, youth and adults.

Jakim was also a winner in this category, bagging third place. The Most Promising and Most Innovative Awards were also awarded by the PSD.

The programme involved innovations which have elements of ICT and non-ICT as well as products which have the potential to be developed further and beneficial to the public.

The department’s winning entry, known as eKes, has successfully reduced the working processes from nine to four, or equivalent to 333 hours a year. The project has resulted in savings in operational costs to a tune of some RM60,000 a year.

PSD also won the main Angeles Pereira title under the Management Achievement Award while the Best Hospitable eGovernment award went to the Finance Division of the Prime Minister’s Department.

Erman Mahrir of the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency was named Best Sportsman while Norasirah Baharudin from PSD won the Best Sportswoman award. Twenty employees with exemplary services in 2012 were also honoured with excellence medals.

They were Aztif Salma from the Attorney-General’s Chambers, Sadia Usman, Laili Cheong Abdullah and Ab Jalil Mohd Yuval (PSD), Dr Mariah Ahmad (Auditor-General Department), Dr Mohd Nifi Mohd Khasbah (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) and L. Gandeen, Zulfiqri Hashim and Minas Dwaah (National Unity and Integration Department).

The Prime Minister’s Department Innovation Awards 2012

ICT Category

Champion: Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (Jakim)
First Runner-Up: Public Service Department (PSD)
Second Runner-Up: Federal Government Construction Services (FGCS)

Non-ICT Category

Champion: Ministry of Social Welfare’s Chambers
First Runner-Up: National Registration Department
Second Runner-Up: Department of Civil Service Management (PAS)& (MKN)

Most Promising Category

Champion: Public Service Department
First Runner-Up: Social Welfare (MKN)
Second Runner-Up: Urban Implementation Coordination Unit (UCU)

Most Innovative Category

Public Service Department (PSD)