

Keep feet on the ground, says Khairy

Remember what you went through to achieve success, Paralympians told

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian athletes who made history at the Rio Paralympics in Brazil should always stay grounded, said Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

"This is my advice to our athletes; please manage your success. Remember what you went through to get to where you are," he said.

The incentives given to them by the Government or the corporate sector should spur them to bigger achievements in the future, he said.

He was speaking at Naza Corporation Holdings' ceremony to hand over cars to medal-winning paralympic athletes at Menara Naza yesterday.

Khairy hoped the stories of the paralympic winners would continue to resonate among young Malaysians, especially those with disabilities.

Their success in the Rio Games inspired Malaysians, proving that anyone could overcome their limitations or challenges, he said.

At the event, Naza Corporation Holdings rewarded the four athletes who had won gold and bronze medals, with prizes amounting to RM1.5mil.

Each of the gold medallists received a residential suite at Trion

888, Equine Park, and the all-new Kia Sportage while the bronze medallist received the latest Kia Rio Sedan.

"For their exceptional and record-breaking performances, these champions deserve to be recognised and rewarded," said Naza Corporation Holdings chairman and chief executive officer S.M. Nasarudin S.M. Nasimuddin.

The residential suite is worth RM350,000, the Sportage is worth RM121,888 and the Rio Sedan is worth RM72,888.

Malaysia's first gold was won by sprinter Mohamad Ridzuan Mohamad Puzi in the men's 100m T36, followed by Muhammad Ziyad Zolkefli in the men's F20 shot put who also set a world record with a throw of 16.84m.

The third gold was by Abdul Latif Romly in the men's T20 long jump. He also set a new world record at with his 7.60m jump.

Siti Noor Radiah Ismail took the bronze in the women's T20 long jump and set a new Asian record, 5.20m.



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Sports shift: Posing with a KIA Sportage are (from left) Siti Noor Radiah, Tun Jeanne Abdullah, Mohamad Ridzuan, Muhammad Ziyad, Abdul Latif, Khairy and Nasarudin at NAZA Tower in Kuala Lumpur.