



Deputy Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi** handing the **2015 Prime Minister's Golden Hand Award** to **Mohammad Tarmizi Abu Hassan** in **Putrajaya** yesterday. With them are Human Resources Minister **Datuk Seri Richard Riot Jaem** (left) and Works Minister **Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof**. Pic by Mohd Fadli Hamzah

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'PM provides much for youth's progress'

BEYOND 2020: Najib does not set limits on provisions for Gen Y, says DPM

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THE prime minister has big plans for young Malaysians, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said yesterday.

He said Datuk Seri Najib Razak and the administration under the prime minister's leadership looked beyond 2020, without setting limitations on what needed to be provided for Malaysian youth to progress and prosper.

"He (Najib) provides enough fa-

cilities for Generation Y, and even those younger, to progress," Zahid told more than 3,000 young trainers and lecturers from various technical and vocational training institutions, who attended the presentation of the 2015 Prime Minister's Golden Hand Award here.

Zahid expressed his hope that young Malaysians who ventured in skilled-job sectors would excel.

"Our education system undergoes all sorts of evolution, including churning out highly-skilled workers under the Technical Vocational Education and Training system."

He said he wanted more concerted efforts between the Human Resources, Works, and Youth and Sports Ministries to help youth via the effective pooling of the ministries' resources.

Later, Zahid presented this year's Prime Minister's Golden Hand Award to Mohammad Tarmizi Abu Hassan, from Institut Latihan

Perindustrian Kepala Batas. The 21-year-old student walked away with the main trophy, RM10,000 and a certificate.

The Prime Minister's Golden Hand Award is the highest recognition given to winners of the Malaysian Skills and MySkills competitions.

Tarmizi also won the gold medal for the Worldskills Malaysia Belia (WSMB) competition in the field of Information Network Cabling. He took home a certificate and RM5,000.

For next year's WSMB competition, Zahid said he hoped to see it being held on a grander scale.

He urged Malaysia's contingent that would participate in the Asean Skills Competition (ASC) 2016 to win more medals and do the country proud. Malaysia will host next year's ASC, scheduled to be held at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang, from Sept 19 to 29.