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**KUCHING:** Malaysian companies continue to be recognised for technological leadership and innovation at the global stage, clinching several awards at the 2017. At the recently held World Congress of IT Global ICT Excellence Awards (WITSA-GIEA) and the Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organization (ASOCIO) awards in Taiwan.

Both ceremonies were held in conjunction with the 21st World Congress on IT Summit (WCIT) 2017, held in Taipei, Taiwan.

According to PIKOM chairman, Chin Chee Seong, participation in this year's WCIT and the subsequent award wins in both WITSA-GIEA and ASOCIO reflect Malaysia's continued spirit of excellence, and that local companies can compete with the best in the world.

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"We invite more local companies to participate as such award competitions is the ideal ground to hone your competitive positioning and to really test yourself against the best of the best. PIKOM congratulates all winners and merit award recipients," said Chin.

Malaysia's merit award recipients at WITSA-GIEA were Bestinet Sdn Bhd who won the Public Sector Award, Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation for the Digital Opportunity Award, and Raydar Research for the Innovative eHealth Solution.

Meanwhile, equally noteworthy was Malaysia's ASOCIO awards



(From left) MDEC vice president of enterprise development Gopi Ganesalingam, ASOCIO former chairman Abdullah Kafu, ASOCIO Chairman David Wong, MDEC vice president of corporate affairs Razaleigh Zainal, and ASOCIO immediate past chairman Burakk Saraggananda pose for a photo at the 21st WCIT 2017, in Taipei.

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winners iPay99 who won Outstanding ICT Company, Sin Chew Media Corporation for Outstanding User Organisation, MDEC for Digital Government and Eduspec Holdings for ICT Education.

WITSA is the leading, recognised international voice of the global ICT industry, whose members from over 80 countries and economies represent more than 90 percent of the world ICT market.

Themed "Building and sharing the digital dream", the ASOCIO Summit 2017 is one of the region's high-powered IT forums, providing platforms for government and industry to exchange information and develop closer relationship and most importantly, identifying new business opportunities.

It is a C-level, thought leadership event that is specially designed to cover the highest leadership trends

and insights with the intent to spur innovation and adoption of new technologies and business models to drive ICT growth in the region.

The awards achievement are well received coming on the back of a highly productive industry trip to Taiwan - organised by PIKOM with the purpose of forging stronger business ties with Taiwan's ICT sector to facilitate technology and knowledge transfer as well as to foster networking and business matching opportunities.

Sub-industries explored were robotics, artificial intelligence, automation, Internet of Things, Industry 4.0 and Smart of Things.

PIKOM's delegation of 71 business leaders was the largest foreign delegation that attended WCIT.