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## Malaysian companies do their nation proud at WCIT 2017

- *Clinch three merit accolades and four ASOCIO awards*
- *Both industry veterans and new entrants pick up awards*



*(From left) MDEC VP Enterprise Development Gopi Ganesalingam; ASOCIO former chairman Abdullah Kafi; ASOCIO chairman David Wong; MDEC VP Corporate Affairs Razaleigh Zainal; and ASOCIO immediate past chairman Bunrak Saraggananda*

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AT THE recently held World Congress of IT (WCIT) in Taiwan, Malaysian companies and organisations were recognised for technological leadership and innovation on the global stage – clinching several awards at the 2017 WITSA Global ICT Excellence Awards (WITSA-GIEA) and the Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organisation (ASOCIO) awards.

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

WITSA is the international voice of the global ICT industry, whose members come from over 80 countries and economies representing more than 90% of the global ICT market.



*(From left) ASOCIO former chairman Abdullah Kafi; Ipay88 founder Chan Kok Long; ASOCIO chairman David Wong; and ASOCIO immediate past chairman Bunrak Saraggananda*

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.

Malaysia’s merit award recipients at WITSA-GIEA were:

<b>Organisation/ Institution</b>	<b>Award Category</b>	<b>Product / Project</b>
Bestinet Sdn Bhd	Public Sector Award	Foreign Workers Centralized Management System
Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC)	Digital Opportunity Award)	eUsahawan
Raydar Research	Innovative eHealth Solution	SEMMEL



Equally noteworthy was Malaysia's ASOCIO awards winners:

Organisation/ Institution	Award Category	Product / Project
IPAY88	Outstanding ICT Company	--
Sin Chew Media Corporation	Outstanding User Organisation	--
MDEC	Digital Government	Digital Free Trade Zone
Eduspec Holdings	ICT Education	--

The awards were well-received coming on the back of a 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.



*(From left) MDEC VP Corporate Affairs Razaleigh Zainal; WITSA chairman Yvonne Chiu; and ASOCIO chairman David Wong*

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

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.

"Pikom is pleased with these achievements by local ICT companies. The win continues our track record of industry excellence at global levels. These companies have pitted themselves against the best of the best and have done well.

"We invite more local companies to participate as such award competitions are 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.

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*(From left) Stan Singh receiving the award for Bestinet; WITSA chairman Yvonne Chiu; and ASOCIO chairman David Wong*