

National keglers bowled over

Team honoured at being chosen to raise the flag at SEA Games



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PETALING JAYA: For the national keglers competing in the 29th SEA Games, representing the country is a big honour.

As part of Star Media Group's Raise The Flag initiative, the bowlers took a break from their morning training on Friday to fly the flag with Aset Kayamas Sdn Bhd executive director Michael Chai, his staff and *The Star* group editorial business development general manager Tommy Lee.

Chai, a fan of national sports, said he was proud to raise the flag with the national bowlers.

"I feel so proud looking at them. They woke up early in the morning, came here, and together strived towards the same goal.

"You can feel it ... the players radiate that heart and momentum to win more gold medals for Malaysia," he said, as he and his staff offered words of encouragement.

In the run-up to National Day, Aset Kayamas will be distributing 10,000 Jalur Gemilang to the public at Old Klang Road starting next week.

The bowlers, among them veteran Shalin Zulkifli, are training at the Sunway Mega Lanes bowling centre in Sunway Pyramid here.

Shalin, a five-time National Sportswoman of the Year who has represented Malaysia for 25 years, said carrying the Jalur Gemilang was an honour and made her feel proud.

"For the SEA Games, the bowling team has always been a major con-



Malaysian pride: Chai (middle row, centre, in white) and Lee (middle row, second right) raising the flag with the national men and women's bowling teams representing Malaysia at the 29th SEA Games.

tributor of medals, so there are always high expectations placed on us.

"But we are confident that we will be able to give the country a few gold medals because we've been working really hard.

"We just need to bowl our best," she said.

Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress general manager Maradona Chok said when they compete, the players give their all to defend the pride of the country.

"The players wish to raise awareness among Malaysians that it's all

about the Jalur Gemilang and *Negaraku*. It's all about being Malaysian," he said.

The Raise The Flag initiative will run until Malaysia Day on Sept 16.

Aset Kayamas is the main sponsor while MCRB is the co-sponsor for the campaign which seeks to strengthen national pride among Malaysians.

Special four-page spreads will enable Malaysians to cut out and assemble their own mini flags, as well as a T-shirt template which can be a canvas for creativity.

Decorate the T-shirts with a Malaysian motif and be photographed "wearing" the creation while holding the flags.

Best poses should be hashtagged #RaiseTheFlagMY on social media and on Facebook and can be shared as #raisetheflagmy.

Exciting prizes await the best photos.

To bulk order any of the special Raise The Flag issues slated for Aug 16, Aug 18, Aug 21 and Sept 14, contact *The Star's* Customer Care unit at 1-300-88-7827 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm).

Jewellery retailers: We follow specs set by insurers

PETALING JAYA: Not all goldsmith shops opt for thicker glass for their display counters as seen in the recent viral CCTV footage of an attempted robbery in Shah Alam, according to jewellery retailers who say they usually adhere to requirements set by insurance companies.

"Most goldsmith shops in Malaysia are insured and will comply with what the insurance companies require in regard to the specification and thickness of the casing," said Federation of Goldsmiths and Jewellers' Associations of Malaysia president Ermin Siow.

He said insured shops are required to have preventive measures in place, including the installation of shatter-proof glass, CCTVs and armed security guards.

Last month, Kedai Emas Sri Alam in Shah Alam posted a 42-second CCTV recording on its Facebook page that showed two robbers swinging their hammers at the shop's display counters but they had difficulty smashing the thick glass. The duo were forced to flee empty-handed.

Tomei Consolidated Bhd managing director Datuk Ng Yih Pyng also said the glass used by the group – which operates 60 outlets in Malaysia – complies strictly with conditions set by the insurance companies.

When contacted, an insurance specialist dealing with goldsmiths, Wendy Chong, said the glass specifications may differ on several factors, including location of the outlet, the amount of jewellery and the sum insured.

A manager from a local major jewellery retail chain said some owners might not be keen on thicker glass as this might affect the visual display.

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