

# King proud of Malaysia's 'Top In The World' student for Chemistry

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah has congratulated Cheryl Chow Shu Wei, of Beaconhouse Sri Inai International School, for receiving the "Top In The World" award for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) examinations in Chemistry.

His Majesty also expressed his happiness and pride over Chow's accomplishment, saying that the out-

standing achievement by the 17-year-old student had made the country famous at the international level.

Al-Sultan Abdullah also expressed the hope that Chow's success would be an inspiration to others, especially students and youths, to continue to work hard and strive to achieve outstanding success in their respective fields.

"Indeed, Cheryl Chow Shu Wei's success once again proves that Malaysia is capable of producing

students and individuals of quality, are competent and of international standard.

"It also proves that with commitment and hard work, Malaysians are able to compete and succeed on the international stage," according to a statement issued by Istana Negara on Facebook yesterday.

In wishing Chow good luck in her future endeavours, His Majesty prayed that she would achieve more success and continue to bring

glory to the country.

Chow earned the prestigious award from the Cambridge Assessment International Education after beating nearly a million other students from around the world during the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards event recently.

She obtained the highest standard marks in the IGCSE examination for the subject of Chemistry.

The student was also the top participant in the Manghigh East Asia

Maths Challenge 2019, beating 14,240 students from Japan, South Korea, Singapore and other countries in East Asia.

Chow also bagged a gold medal at the national-level Kangaroo Math Competition and was a top achiever at the University of St Andrews Competition in 2019 besides being awarded a gold medal in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition in 2019 and 2020. — Bernama

# Hamid hands over IGP reins

## Claims of political interference now for police to follow up

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Days after hitting the headlines with his claims of political interference in the police force, Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Bador handed over his duties in a bitter-sweet ceremony that nonetheless went off without a hitch.

He passed the reins of Inspector-General of Police to Datuk Seri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani yesterday in a ceremony full of decorum.

"I am grateful for the strong support given by all in the police force for the last two years and I hope such support will be extended to my successor," he said.

Abdul Hamid said he was confident Acryl Sani would do well and succeed as the country's top cop.

"He will do good and be most successful.

"I won't poke my nose here and there ... unless someone provokes me," he said in jest.

Abdul Hamid also conveyed his best wishes to Acryl Sani.

"I wish him all the best. I am sure he will be able to overcome any challenge."

Speaking to reporters later, Abdul Hamid said he would leave it to the police force to follow up on his comments about political interference.

"I will leave it to the good judgement of Datuk Seri Acryl and his men.

"This matter does not require me to lodge a police report," he said in reference to Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan's request that he lodge a police report on the matter.

*Sinar Harian* quoted the minister



**Passing the baton:** Acryl Sani (right) is the new IGP, taking over from Abdul Hamid (left). He became the country's 13th IGP after a handing-over ceremony at Bukit Aman yesterday. — RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

as saying that such a report would pave the way for an investigation into the allegations.

Abdul Hamid said he wanted to focus on his favourite hobby, which is farming.

"I can finally return to farming; trust me, it is peaceful.

"I encourage everyone to learn the basics of farming as it builds stamina and keeps the mind fresh.

"It is very rewarding," he added.

Looking back on his career, which spanned four decades, Abdul Hamid said he would always fight for the police force, even after his retirement.

"While I am happy to be spending more quality time with my family,

it is still hard to leave the police force.

"The police force is facing a war of perception whereby they are still being punished in the court of public opinion.

"I hope all police personnel and officers will continue to improve their service to the public and serve with sincerity and integrity," Abdul Hamid said.

Yesterday's handing over ceremony went on without the presence of Home Minister Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin.

It is often customary for the Home Minister to attend such an event.

However, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Mohamed Said,

who officiated the event on behalf of Hamzah, explained that the minister had to attend a National Security Council (NSC) meeting.

"Apologies that the minister could not attend because he is currently at an NSC meeting with the Prime Minister," he said.

Reading the Home Minister's speech, he said that Abdul Hamid's service to the nation and the police force was greatly appreciated and would be remembered.

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# Penang backs plan to set up Muda River Basin Authority

**GEORGE TOWN:** The Penang Water Supply Corporation (PBAPP) fully supports the proposal to set up a Muda River Basin Authority (MRBA).

Its chief executive officer Datuk Jaseni Maidinsa said this was in line with a statement by the Environment and Water Ministry's (Kasa's) secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Zaini Ujang last April 30 that the formation of MRBA would resolve the dispute between Kedah and Penang over the Sungai Muda water resources.

"In terms of concept, the Ulu Muda Basin Authority (UMBA) proposed by Penang is to protect the water catchment at the Muda, Pedu and Ahning dams, while the MRBA proposed by Kasa is solely to protect the Sungai Muda basin.

"Penang's proposal is to protect the water catchment of the Northern Corridor Economic Region (NCER) while the MRBA is limited to only protecting the south Kedah river basin," he said in a statement yesterday.

Jaseni reiterated Penang's suggestions that the ministry and the Federal Government should immediately ban all logging activities in Ulu Muda.

"Prevent any possible mining activities in Ulu Muda, especially the exploration of rare earth elements that pose a risk of soil and water pollution.

"Besides that, the ministry and the government should compensate Kedah with federal funds after 163,000ha of rainforest were gazetted, protected and categorised as water catchment forest that cannot be touched under the National Forestry Act 1984," he said.

"Penang supports federal compensation for Kedah if the state is fully committed to protecting and conserving Ulu Muda as the source of raw water for NCER.

"Penang and PBAPP are grateful that Kasa is seriously considering the formation of a river basin authority to manage Sungai Muda because the river is the only main source of raw water for Penang right now," he said. — Bernama

# IGP: I need support of all in the police force

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The nation's new top cop admitted that being the new Inspector-General of Police (IGP) was a great responsibility but he had a good team to back him up.

"I would not be able to do this job if I was alone," said newly appointed IGP Datuk Seri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani.

"If I am being honest ... it feels like a huge burden has been placed on my shoulders. I believe that if I am alone I will not be able to han-

dle this responsibility.

"In all the times I have been appointed to a new position, be it as an OCPD or a state police chief, the feelings of doubt will always be in my mind. But I am confident in the lineup of the department directors, state chiefs and OCPDs that are with me to ensure that our duties are fulfilled," he told a press conference after the handing-over ceremony between himself and outgoing IGP Tan Sri Abdul Hamid

Bador yesterday.

On his vision to maintain the integrity of the police force and to ensure that it is corruption free, Acryl Sani said that he would reveal it in due time.

"Soon. The steps that I would take and my focus for PDRM, I will announce in a special briefing with the media.

"There I will talk about the things we have to look into and where we need to focus on, especially regard-

ing those matters," he said.

In his speech yesterday, the outgoing IGP said that he was confident in Acryl Sani's ability to perform as the nation's newest top cop.

"God willing, with his experience serving in the police force, I am confident that he will carry the trust bestowed onto him with distinction and lead PDRM in facing any challenges that it will face," Abdul Hamid said.

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