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CIMB, AirAsia bag awards

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KUALA LUMPUR: CIMB Holdings Group Bhd is the top winner at the inaugural Malaysia Investor Relations Awards yesterday, bagging four awards, followed by AirAsia Bhd with three awards.

Datuk Seri Nazir Razak and Datuk Seri Tony Fernandes were named the best chief executive officers for investor relations in the large-capitalised (cap) and middle-cap companies categories respectively.

CIMB Holdings also won the awards for three other categories, namely for best large-cap company for investor relations, best investor relations professional for Steven Tan, and best investor relations website.

AirAsia, categorised as a middle-cap company, won best investor relations professional for Benyamin

Ismail and best investor relations website.

The awards were presented by Bursa Malaysia chairman Tun Mohamed Dzaiddin Abdullah and Securities Commission chairman Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar. Also present was Bursa Malaysia chief executive officer Datuk Tajuddin Atan.

The ceremony was organised by the Malaysian Investor Relations Association (Mira), which had engaged Thomson Reuters Extel Surveys to commission the survey involving 700 international fund managers and research analysts, which led to the selection of the winners.

Other winners included SP Setia Bhd and Kossan Rubber Industries Bhd, which won the best company awards in the middle- and small-

cap companies categories respectively.

Best CEO for a small-cap company went to Lim Chai Beng from CB Industrial Product Holding Bhd, while best investor relations professional award for a small-cap firm went to Edward Yip from Kossan Rubber Industries Bhd.

Best chief financial officer awards went to Ashok Ramamurthy from AMMB Holdings (large cap), Lim Cheong Guan from Top Glove Corp Bhd (mid cap), and Mohamed Azman Shah Ishak from TH Plantations Bhd (small cap).

The award for best investor relations for an IPO firm had two winners — Malaysia Marine and Heavy Engineering Holdings Bhd and Petronas Chemicals Group Bhd.



From left: Mira chairperson Audrey Ho, Bursa Malaysia chairman Tun Mohamed Dzaiddin Abdullah, CIMB Group CEO Datuk Seri Nazir Razak, AirAsia CEO Datuk Seri Tony Fernandes and Lim Chai Huat from CB Industrial Product.