

The Star wins award for third year

KUALA LUMPUR: *The Star* is among Malaysia's Most Valuable Brands (MMVB) for the third consecutive year. Star Publications (M) Bhd managing director and chief executive officer Datin Linda Ngiam received the award for 2009 from Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop at the awards ceremony here last night.

The Star, with a total brand value of RM371.4mil, maintained its 20th place from last year out of 30 companies.

Public Bank took the top honours with a total brand value of RM6.59bil, followed by Maybank (RM5.37bil) and CIMB (RM5.25bil).

Also present were Association of Accredited Advertising Agents (4As) president Datuk Vincent Lee, *The Edge* editor-in-chief Ho Kay Tat and Interbrand Asia-Pacific president Stuart Green.

The annual event is co-organised by 4As and *The Edge*, and the valuation study conducted by Interbrand. Last night also saw the launch of the MMVB Hall of Fame and the first inductees were Celcom (M) Bhd chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shazalli Ramly and AirAsia group chief executive officer Datuk Seri Tony Fernandes.



Valuable recognition: Ngiam (centre) receiving the award from Nor Mohamed at the presentation ceremony in Kuala Lumpur last night. With them are Lee (second right), Ho (left) and Green.

Study Medicine with one of the world's top 50 universities*

Applications are now open to study the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) for the February 2010 intake.

The Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) is a five-year undergraduate course available through the Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah School of Medicine, which is part of Monash University's Sunway campus in Malaysia.

This is the only medical course fully delivered outside of Australia that is accredited by the Australian Medical Council.

Students enjoy an outstanding educational experience at the Sunway campus, with high-quality teaching and learning support, state-of-the-art facilities and have access to Monash's international student exchange program.

To find out more about entry requirements to study Medicine at Monash Sunway call +603 5514 6000 or visit www.monash.edu.my

Go Boldly.



MONASH University
Sunway campus

KP(JPS)/5195/US/595(16)KP/JPS/DFT/US/BO4 Co. No. 458601-U
*Times Higher Education - QS World University Ranking 2009

Anwar's suit against Nalla is a ploy

Ezam: Opposition leader is avoiding a face-off

PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's suit against Malaysian Indian United Party president Datuk S. Nallakaruppan is just another ploy by the Opposition leader to avoid answering the latter's political challenge against him, says Mohamad Ezam Mohd Nor.

The former PKR Youth head said Nallakaruppan had issued various challenges against Anwar, such as the latter's "special relationship" with PKR vice-president Azmin Ali and that he was incapable of leading Pakatan Rakyat.

"Nallakaruppan's statements were outright and Anwar should have answered them but he did not do that," said Mohamad Ezam yesterday.

"Not to be seen as defeated, Anwar then files a legal suit against him and so the battle shifts from a political to legal one.

"By filing a legal suit, he is avoiding a face-off with Nallakaruppan," Mohamad Ezam said.

He was commenting on Anwar's RM50mil suit against Nallakaruppan over an article titled "Anwar terima RM60 juta" (Anwar received RM60mil), which was published in *Mingguan Malaysia* and *Sinar Harian* in August 2008.

Anwar claimed that Nallakaruppan had made a false allegation about him in the article.

Mohamad Ezam also pointed

out that Anwar seemed to be delaying the trial by "giving excuses" and asking Nallakaruppan to produce certain documents before it had even started.

"This shows that he is not ready to face Nallakaruppan and it is a ploy to avoid fundamental issues which need to be addressed.

"If you are the one filing the suit and have the upper hand, why delay it then?" he asked, describing the delay as one of Anwar's tactics.

Mohamad Ezam added that he believed Nallakaruppan had a "strong basis" to accuse Anwar because such an allegation was not a petty matter and that he had the courage to challenge the latter openly.

Anwar was also accused of practising double standards and criticising the judicial system.

Deputy Education Minister Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi said in Subang Jaya that Anwar had been blaming the courts for delaying cases which had led to a massive backlog.

"It is unbecoming of an Opposition Leader to raise and highlight such issues when he is determined to keep postponing the sodomy case he is facing.

"He should be gentleman enough to face the charge in court and in the name of justice," he said.