



Press Release

YB SENATOR DATUK RAS ADIBA RADZI – SHORTLISTED FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMAN DAY RECOGNITION “LEADERSHIP AWARD” 2022

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has shortlisted YB Senator Datuk Ras for International Women’s Day Recognition 2022 – Leadership Award. Two other candidates have also been shortlisted – Iran & Zimbabwe. Hundreds of nominations were received by IPC from National Paralympic Committees representing countries worldwide and International Federations representing Sports universally.

The winners shall be announced on 8 March – a day for global celebration of women and gender equality. The award primarily recognise women in the Paralympic Movement who inspire and emulate the Paralympic ideals and serve as positive role models.

The winners will be decided by the IPC’s Women in Sport Committee, chaired by Rita van Driel, who said:

“The 2022 International Women’s Day Recognition supports one of the IPC’s key strategic objectives, which is to promote gender balance in leadership positions across the Paralympic Movement. All of the women and organisations nominated this year made exceptional progress in 2021. What is clear to the Women in Sport Committee from all the Award applications we received this year is that across the Movement are many women bringing disability inclusion to the heart of governments, delivering change to the sporting infrastructure of their country and having an impact for persons with disabilities in their communities.”

Leadership Award Category

This category recognises sustained and consistent leadership over a period of time, advocacy, overall contributions and impact promoting and supporting women in sport. Candidates included coaches, current or former athletes, administrators and officials.

Comments From President of Paralympic Council Malaysia, Dato Sri Megat D Shahrman

“Paralympic Council Malaysia is very happy for YB Senator Datuk Ras Adiba Radzi for being shortlisted for the prestigious award honouring women who have contributed to Paralympic Movement. She deserves the award for her determination and perseverance in not only her personal involvement in disability sports but also her struggle to promote the welfare of persons with disability in the country. I am glad the government has made the right choice in appointing her as a senator in the House of Senate of the Malaysian Parliament to represent the Persons With Disability Community. PCM submitted her nomination for the award based on her vast contributions to Paralympic Movement.”

About YB Senator Datuk Ras Adiba Radzi

Yang Berhormat Senator Datuk Ras Adiba binti Mohd Radzi is a well-known broadcast personality, poet, para-athlete and community activist in Malaysia.

She has been driving change with her commitment to inspire and transform the lives of persons with disabilities, and was appointed by the Prime Minister as a Senator on May 20, 2020, to represent Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the Dewan Negara or Upper House of the Malaysian Parliament.

In November 2020, Datuk Ras Adiba created history when she was appointed as the Chairman of BERNAMA, becoming the first woman to hold the highest office in the Malaysian national news agency.

She is also President of the Para Shooting Association Malaysia and President of Persatuan OKU Sentral, which champions sport and empowers PwDs.

As an athlete, she still stands as the only female sharpshooter in para-sports, having won seven gold medals in the 10m shooting event at the National Paralympic Games. She is also a Scuba diver and have represented Malaysia in Para Badminton.

One of her impressive sports achievements was writing the record in the Malaysia Book of Records when she pushed her wheelchair from Johor Bahru through Melaka and Negeri Sembilan to Putrajaya, covering a distance of 490 kilometres in 10 days.

She was presented with the Anugerah Tokoh Srikandi Negara in 2014 and the Anugerah Wanita Waja – Ikon Seri Waja in 2021.

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