

Jamaludin clinches CEO of the Year award

MSWG RECOGNITION: Axiata managing director and CEO has demonstrated influence in corporate governance

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS giant Axiata Group Bhd managing director and group chief executive officer Datuk Seri Jamaludin Ibrahim was crowned “CEO of the Year” by the Minority Shareholder Watchdog Group (MSWG) last night.

Jamaludin was chosen as the winner at the “MSWG-Asean Corporate Governance Transparency Index, Findings and Recognition 2014 — The Malaysian Chapter” dinner. Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was also present at the event.

The organisers see Jamaludin as a leader who has demonstrated great influence in corporate governance within his company and the mar-

ketplace.

MSWG commended him for leading Axiata to venture overseas and pushing corporate governance practices beyond minimum requirement, especially in areas of diversity and “environment, social and governance” (ESG).

Axiata clinched the award in the “Top Corporate Governance Recognition” category, alongside four other winners, namely Bursa Malaysia Bhd, CIMB Group Holdings Bhd, Malayan Banking Bhd, and Telekom Malaysia Bhd.

Telekom Malaysia also bagged the “Top Transparency Recognition” prize at the event.

The “Chairman of the Year” award was awarded to IJM Corp Bhd chairman Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali.

MSWG also recognised the work of Zinkin Ettinger Sdn Bhd managing director Datuk John Zinkin in con-

tributing articles and commentaries on corporate governance issues and creating awareness in the marketplace.

In his keynote address, Muhyiddin said in June this year, the Asean Capital Markets Forum released the Asean Corporate Governance Scorecard Country Report and Assessments 2013-2014, which showed that public-listed companies from Malaysia continued to emerge as a high scorers among six participating Asean countries that included Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, The Philippines and Vietnam.

“Malaysia’s approach to good corporate governance has led the country to become one of the brightest spots for capital-raising in the Asia-Pacific region. For the first nine months of this year, Malaysia topped Southeast Asia’s most active list in equity issuance,” he said.

He said the realisation of the Asean Economic Community at end-2015 will help Malaysia contribute significantly towards the future direction of Asean and its bid to become the next regional giant.

MSWG chairman Tan Sri Dr Su-



Axiata Group Bhd MD and CEO Datuk Seri Jamaludin Ibrahim has been praised for leading the group’s overseas ventures

laiman Mahbob in his speech, said the awards not only denote quality and transparency among the public-listed companies, but also reflect a high commitment to stand tall and be amongst the best in corporate governance in the international scene.