

Naza pledge new Kia Sportage, suite for gold medal winners

KUALA LUMPUR: Naza Corporation Holdings announced additional rewards for Malaysian athletes who win gold at the Rio Paralympic Games 2016.

In addition to the all-new Kia Sportage 2016, which was announced earlier Sunday, gold medallists will also be rewarded with a residential suite at Trion 888, Equine Park, reported the New Straits Times.

"The shareholders are proud of our Malaysian Paralympians. Being a home-grown company, Naza will further reward our champions with a residential suite at Trion 888, Equine Park in addition to an all-new Kia Sportage each," said Naza chairman and chief executive officer, SM Nasarudin SM Nasimuddin Sunday in a statement.

"Naza Corporation Holdings has always been committed to sports. Just this year alone, we sponsored the biggest

competition internationally in women's squash, the Naza-PSA World Women's Squash Championship. We will also be the platinum sponsors of the upcoming KL Games 2017.

"Rewarding our very own Paralympic gold medallists this time would add another feather to our hat."

Trion 888, located at Equine Park, Seri Kembangan is being developed by Naza TTDI Sdn Bhd, the property arm of Naza Corporation Holdings. Priced at RM350,000, the residential suite has a build-up of 450 square feet. Its facilities include a swimming pool, multipurpose room, gymnasium, changing room, lift, laundry facilities and surau. The development is targeted to be completed by end-2017.

SM Nasaruddin, who is also the Paralympics Council of Malaysia president, said the achievements at the Rio Olympics

by the gold medallists not only inspired other athletes but all Malaysians.

"Our Malaysian paralympians have showed their mettle despite their odds. This is how we show that Malaysia Boleh!", he added.

Naza TTDI group managing director, SM Faliq SM Nasimuddin said the company is proud to be part of the group's initiative to support and reward the success of Malaysian paralympic athletes.

Earlier Sunday, Naza announced that Malaysian gold medal winners at the 2016 Rio Paralympics would receive the new Kia Sportage.

Mohd Ridzuan Mohd Puzi won the nation's first ever gold medal at the Paralympics in the men's T36 100m dash with a new Games record, while Ziyad Zolkefli brought home his gold by winning the men's F20 shot putt event with a new world record effort.