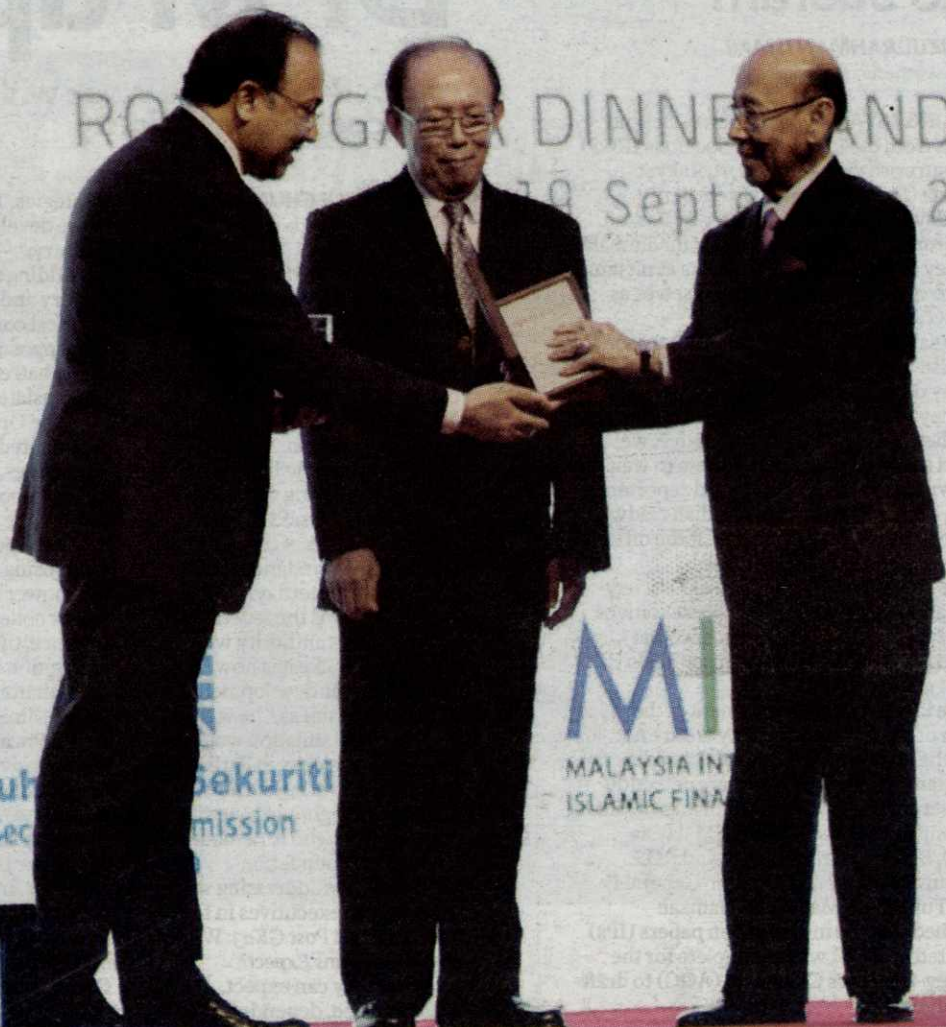


THE ROYAL FOR ISLAMIC



ROYAL RECOGNITION... Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah (right) hands over the Royal Award for Islamic Finance to Islamic banker Iqbal Khan at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre last night. Looking on is the Royal Award jury chairman Tun Musa Hitam.

Royal Award for Islamic banker

KUALA LUMPUR: Fajr Capital Ltd CEO Iqbal Khan was awarded the prestigious Royal Award for Islamic Finance for his dedication, drive and extraordinary leadership in accelerating the global growth and accessibility of Islamic finance.

Khan, a prominent Islamic banker, is the second recipient of the Royal Award.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah presented the award to him last night.

Jury chairman of the Royal Award Tun Musa Hitam said the jury went through a very stringent and rigorous selection process on the nominees' merits and achieve-

ments, which resulted in several rounds of deliberation, followed by a very robust discussion on the critical and objective assessment of the shortlisted candidates before arriving at a final decision.

Musa said 32 nominations were received comprising influential leaders with various backgrounds in the Islamic finance industry from the Middle East, Europe, Africa, North America and Asia Pacific.

Khan was instrumental in establishing a number of institutions and initiatives in the Islamic finance industry, including Citi Islamic Investment Bank, the Islamic Finance Project at Harvard University, Meezan Bank and HSBC Amanah.