

# Malaysia ranked 19th most globalised country

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia's strong linkages with the global economy has earned it top marks among the most globalised countries.

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said Malaysia was ranked the 19th most globalised country based on A.T. Kearney's Globalisation Index 2006.

"Malaysia was one of the two countries in Asia to be placed in the top 20, including the US, Canada and New Zealand," she said at the Industry Excellence Awards 2006.

Rafidah also said while Malaysia's globalisation index was encouraging, the country should not be complacent.

"This is because other economies such as India and China are undertaking structural reform to enhance their competitiveness," she said.

At the ceremony, 32 Malaysian companies were recognised for



From left: Bursa Malaysia chief executive officer Datuk Yusli Mohamed Yusoff, Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz, Bursa Malaysia group human resource head Jamal Hasnar and Tan Sri Azman Hashim at the awards ceremony yesterday

excellence in various categories, including Product Excellence Award, Export Excellence Award, Quality Management Excellence Award and Brand Excellence Award.

Awards council chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim said the winners were chosen from 179 companies that participated in the same awards last year.

Among the winners were Bursa Malaysia Bhd, [KNM Process Systems Sdn Bhd](#), [Siemens \(M\) Sdn Bhd](#) and [MMC Oil and Gas Engineering Sdn Bhd](#).