

## **Khim Wah happy with IBL experience**

KUALA LUMPUR: National Doubles shuttler Lim Khim Wah has gained a lot of experience from competing in the recent Indian Badminton League (IBL).

Khim Wah-V Shem were the members of IBL Champions Hyderabad Hotshots, who pocketed US\$494,000 (RM1.6mil) after beating Awadhe Warriors 3-1 in the final on Saturday.

Khim Wah was also named the player of the match, earning him an extra US\$500 (RM1,500).

Khim Wah and V Shem, who defeated Markis Kido-Mathias Boe in the final, are expected to get nothing less than US\$30,000 (RM98,500) per person.

"It was a unique and fruitful experience for me. It was nice to play in a team comprising players from different countries. We learnt from one another. I've never won the best player award before ... so, that was a bonus," said Khim Wah.

"Our team owner has yet to disclose the amount for winning the league title. There are 10 of us in the team and there are several coaches too. But it will surely be the biggest pay cheque for me."

"It was unfortunate that we lost to our team-mates. It would have been worse if we had lost to others. Thien How and Wee Kiong know our game styles quite well and, on that day, they played better and deserved to win," said Khim Wah.

Khim Wah-V Shem, who are the world No. 17, are hoping to be included in the squad for the remaining four Super Series in Denmark, France, Hong Kong and China so that they will not drop out of the top 20 in the world ranking.