Sunway BRT, Second Penang Bridge win int'l awards

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Two Malaysian projects came out tops at the recent 2016 Global Road Achievement Awards (GRAA) by the International Road Federation (IRF). The Sun reports that Sunway's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line and the Second Penang Bridge were selected as winners in the Urban Planning and Mobility and Construction Methodology categories, respectively.

The BRT and Second Penang Bridge were described by IRF as "leading the way in innovation across major road and highway disciplines" alongside 12 other projects honoured.

Other winners included China's Jiaxing-Shaoxing Bridge Project (design award for the world's longest cablestayed bridge), Volvo Group Latin America's Traffic Safety Program in Brazil (safety category) and Taiwan's Far Eastern Electronic Toll Co. Ltd in the Traffic Management and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) category. The Ras Al Khor Crossing in UAE was also a winner.





"By embodying our ideal of better roads for a better world, these 12 projects join an elite circle of international laureates," said IRF president and CEO C. Patrick Sankey, who added that in the past 16 years, the IRF award programmes have constituted an industry reference for innovators across the globe.

The IRF is a network of public and private sector members in more than 70 countries providing world-class knowledge resources, advocacy services, and continuing education programs which offer a global marketplace for best practices and industry solutions. Winner selection was conducted by an international panel of senior road development specialists

IRF chairman Abdullah Al-Mogbel said the accomplishments in the transport sector on the global front have been unnoticed by the hundreds of millions of people who benefit so greatly from the availability of safe, smart and interconnected road networks. "This is precisely why the IRF's Global Road Achievement Awards provide a rare opportunity to celebrate our industry's successes, and highlight how our work supports broader societal goals," he said.