



PINGAT JASA MALAYSIA (PJM)

Citation

Malaya's independence on 31 August 1957 came amidst a formidable threat to its sovereignty by the Malayan Communist Party (MCP). MCP's ferocious and extreme guerrilla campaign required assistance which was provided by Britain under the auspices of the Anglo Malayan Defence Agreement (AMDA). British troops and soldiers from the Commonwealth countries of Australia, New Zealand and Fiji maintained bases, security personnel, civilian staff as well as other facilities in Malaya to safeguard its sovereignty. These troops further assisted Malaysia during the armed confrontation with Indonesia that ended on 22 August 1966.

In appreciation of the meritorious acts and supreme sacrifices made by the security forces and civilian staff from Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Nepal to Malaysia for one decade, the supreme Head of the Federation of Malaysia wishes to award medals to all those who distinguished themselves in chivalry, gallantry and loyalty while performing their services. The medal takes the form of an award titled "Pingat Jasa Malaysia" (Service to Malaysia Award)