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THE Global Leadership Awards 2014 (GLA 2014) scheduled for today in Putrajaya will seek to recognise the crème de la crème of global leaders' efforts who played a pivotal role in nation building and nurturing the global economy.

This fourth round of regional event to be hosted at Putrajaya International Convention Centre will showcase global leaders within the area of diplomats, businessmen and entrepreneurs, government leaders, philanthropists, media personalities, celebrities and socialites.

A panel of judges will be selecting winners for 30 categories of whom the organisers have described as "real leaders".

These include the Lifetime Achievement Award, a series of Masterclass Awards and Global Leadership Awards by industries such as agriculture, automotive, banking and finance, biotechnology, construction, education, engineering, fast-moving consumer



(From left) At last year's awards, GLA organising chairperson Shahul Hameed Dawood presented the Masterclass CEO award to SM Faisal while ALDA founder Arthur Carmazzi looks on

goods, food and beverage, healthcare, information and communications technology, investment, logistics and transportation, manufacturing, media, oil and gas, property development, renewable energy and telecommunications.

Organised by a business magazine, *The Leaders International*, together with a US-based non-governmental

organisation American Leadership Development Association (ALDA), the C-suite event will be managed by global event management company — My Events International. Celcom Axiata Bhd is the strategic partner, while *The Malaysian Reserve* is the official business paper for the event.

Last year, the awards named

Naza Group of Companies CEO Datuk Wira SM Faisal SM Nasimuddin as the Masterclass CEO of the Year while Bank Kerjasama Rakyat Malaysia Bhd, Lembaga Tabung Haji and Felda Global Ventures Holdings Bhd were named winners in the banking and finance, investment as well as plantation and commodities sector respectively.