

Somanroy shows he has the chops to be a cop

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NEGRI SEMBILAN'S A. Somanroy wants to be a world-class karate champion and a police inspector.

And the Seremban-born Somanroy showed he's on the right track to accomplish both when the fired-up national exponent defended his boys' kumite above 84kg title by defeating T. Preeyaraj of Federal Territories 5-2 in the final at the Sultan Azlan Shah Politeknik Hall in Behrang yesterday.

He was ruthless en route to the final, having beaten Sabah's Kellyment Kahan 3-0 and S. Maheswaran of Selangor 8-0 in the semi-finals.

Now that his Sukma mission is over, he will enroll in Nilai Politeknik to pursue a degree in sports science.

The 20-year-old Somanroy said he always wanted to be a police inspector as he loves to bust criminals.

"I train full time with the national karate team and because of my national duty, I did not have the time to get a degree to join the police force," said the well-built Somanroy.

He stands at 1.96m and weighs 85kg – the ideal physique to become a police officer.

"I've managed to juggle my training and studies. My duties for Sukma is over and I will get a degree to fulfil my dream of becoming an inspector."

Somanroy thanked his coach Alexander Arlanthu for motivating him to excel in both sports and career.

"I've trained under him since I was nine and thanks to his encouragement, I've represented Malaysia in many competitions," said Somanroy.

"I'm pleased to win my second Sukma gold but I can still do better. I'll work harder to win honours in bigger tournaments," added the bronze medallist at the World University Championships in Okinawa, Japan, in June.



Good job: Negri Sembilan karate exponent A. Somanroy (right) posing with his coach Alexander Arlanthu after winning the kumite above 84kg title yesterday.