

# Eu are a Genius!

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## Sabahan teen turns hobby into multiple golds

EUGENIUS Lo only took up compound archery as a hobby but little did he know that five years down the road he would become Malaysia Games (Sukma)'s multiple gold-medal winner and record holder.



The 17-year-old Sabahan continued his fiery performance when he shot a gold in the boys' 50m distance and achieved it in record-breaking fashion at Seri Iskandar yesterday.

Eugenius hit the bullseye 27 times to finish the 36-arrow count with 351 points, breaking the previous Sukma record of 349 held by M. Khambeswaran of Penang at the last Games in Kuching two years ago.

Syed Imran Syed Ibrahim of Penang took silver just one point behind while Negri Sembilan's Muhd Aliff Aiman Mohd Hassri got the bronze with 349.

Eugenius also won a gold in the 30m distance yesterday to make it a total of three.

On Sunday, he won the 70m distance gold medal in a new Games record of 349 and broke the Games record in the 90m distance before settling for silver.

"Three golds and one silver so far. Never in my dream did I think this was possible," said Eugenius.

"I dedicate this win to my coach Desmond Liew, my teammates, family and also the Sabah State Sports Council for the support over the last few months.

"I took up compound archery five years ago. Sabah's coach is also my uncle. He felt that I was stronger and ready to handle the compound bow.

"This sport is only a hobby for me as I have to focus on my SPM (Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia) exams at the end of this year and later, further my studies.

"I did not feel pressure today as I've won a gold the day before," said the bespectacled Eugenius from Kota Kinabalu.



**Midas touch:** Sabahan Eugenius Lo celebrates after winning the 50m compound archery gold medal in a new Games record yesterday.