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Health Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai congratulating NST's Annie Freeda Cruetz (right) and Berita Harian's Norlaila Hamima Jamaluddin after the ministry's media awards event yesterday.

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KUALALUMPUR: *New Straits Times* specialist writer Annie Freeda Cruetz won two consolation prizes at the Health Ministry's health media awards 2009.

Cruetz won an appreciation award under the Organ Donation Journalist Award (Newspaper) category for her article "Banking on tissue".

She bagged a consolation prize under the Health Journalist Award (English Newspaper) for her "Surviving on stroke" article. The awards come with RM1,000 and a cer-

tificate each. Health Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai presented the awards.

The *New Straits Times* was also conferred a certificate of appreciation for its reporting on organ donations.

Harian Metro's Norlaila Hamima Jamaluddin bagged the top prize under the Health Journalist Award (Malay newspaper) category.

Her article "Potong kaki perlu teruskan hidup" bagged her RM3,500 and a certificate.

Liow thanked the media for

their support in disseminating health information to the public.

He said the ministry had allocated RM34 million this year to conduct a media campaign on dengue eradication, HIV/AIDS prevention, Healthy Lifestyle and the *Tak Nak* anti-smoking campaigns.

The event also saw RM141,558.80 donated to the ministry's Gaza Fund.

Liow handed over a mock cheque to Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Lee Chee Leong.