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PUTRAJAYA: Two teams from Malaysia have made it to the final stage of the Capam International Innovation Awards, held in conjunction with the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (Capam) 2014 Biennial Conference.

The two are the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) with its development of Lumber Treatment Technology and the Royal Malaysian Police (RMP) for the Safe City Monitoring System (SCMS/SPBS).

Capam executive director and chief Executive Officer Gay Hamilton said the Malaysian teams, along with 10 others from India, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago, will present their innovations to the jury in the next couple of days.

"For this year, we received 120 applications and it has now come down to the 12 finalists in four different categories, namely, Innovation in Citizen Engagement and Dialogue, Innovation in Public Service Management, Innovative Use of Technology in the Public Sphere, and Innovation in Government Services and Programmes.

"On Oct 21, there will be a Capam President's Dinner and the winners of each category will be announced then," she told a



Ali Hamsa (left) and Hamilton are seen during the press conference yesterday. — Bernama photo

media briefing on the biennial conference here yesterday.

The conference, themed "Public Service Transformation: A New Conversation", is being hosted by Malaysia for the second time from Oct 19-21.

Various programmes have been

lined up for the Capam Biennial Conference 2014 and the association's 20th anniversary.

The programmes include the Commonwealth Ministerial Forum, Capam Annual General Meeting and Commonwealth Media Forum. — Bernama