

UMS swimmer Chua bags three gold

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) swimmer, Chua Jia Peng created three new records at the Malaysian Universities' Sports Council Carnival (MASUM) 2011, which is ongoing at Universiti Putera Malaysia from June 18-30.

Chua set the records in the men's 200m butterfly open (2:32.06s), 200m backstroke (2:29.87s) and 100m freestyle (1:05.61s).

Chua, who is the sole UMS representative in the swimming events, became the biggest contributor with the three gold medals. He also won four silver and four bronze.

Swimming is one of seven sporting

disciplines in which UMS is taking part at the Games.

The others are silat, track and field, volleyball (men), netball, rowing (men and women) and kayaking.

To date UMS athletes have won a total of six gold, 11 silver and seven bronze medals. The other three gold medals came from Asong Joseph and Nitas bin Camilus Tan Sing Bee.

Asong won gold when she registered 9.34m in the women's shot put and 25.77m in the discus, while Nitas struck gold in the 10,000m walk, in a time of 59mins 28.10secs.

UMS' other silver medals were won through Pang Tsun Kuo (400m hurdles-57.30s), Vianny S Amora

(400m-66.12s), Loo Lee Hui (javelin-32m), Kenson Rubanjar (5,000m), Abdul Azim Azizan Abdul Malik (silat) and its women's rowing team.

The bronze were won by Pang Tsun Kuo (400m-51.50s), Josephine Damian (javelin-26m) and Vianny S Amora (800m-2:41s).

"It has been a good outing so far. The event in which we did not win a medal is kayaking," said UMS Sports Unit Director, Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah.

He said UMS will also take part in basketball (men) and karate events and will feature in the football grand finals at Phase Two of the championships, at UiTM Shah Alam, from July 1-10.