

Fruitful sports outing for UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: It was a fruitful outing for Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) at the 36th Malaysian Universities' Staff Sports Championship, which concluded at Universiti Teknikal Melaka in Durian Tunggal, Melaka, yesterday.

Despite being eliminated in the quarter-finals of the football competition, UMS took solace by recording impressive achievements in other disciplines.

According to UMS Sports Unit Director, Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah, who is also contingent deputy chief, UMS defeated Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), 3-1 (25-17, 22-25, 25-21 and 25-16) to claim their sixth straight title in the women's volleyball event.

En route to the finals, UMS defeated UKM, 3-1, while UniMAP beat UiTM (also 3-1) in the other semi-final match.

UMS also won gold in the darts open tournament, where they defeated Universiti Malaya (UM), 6-4, to retain their title won in Penang, last year.

They beat Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, 5-2 before reaching the finals, while UM dominated the other semi-final, defeating Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM), 7-1.

It was unfortunate however, that UMS could not match their performance in football events last year.

They missed their chance for a medal placing after crashing to a 2-1 defeat to Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (Unisza) in the quarter-finals.

UMS also won two gold medals in the women's shot put and discus and two bronze medals from the same events in the men's competition.

When commenting on UMS' achievement, Asyraaf said; 'It was another good outing for UMS'.

"Apart from the quarter-final defeat in football, we actually did pretty well this year.

"We recorded fantastic achievements in darts and women's volleyball and we also won four medals, two of them gold, in the athletics events.

"As for football, the standard of play has increased significantly this year. Many of the teams have players from the Malaysian League.

"But on the whole, I would say UMS did pretty well this year. I am happy with the achievements," said Asyraaf.