## Close Badminton Tournament Receives Overwhelming Response

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**TUESDAY, 11 JUNE** – The Student Council (MPP) Sports and Recreation Exco members in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Badminton Club organised a Closed Badminton Championship of this EcoCampus University to hone new talents with potential.

The championship which was conducted at UMS Main Lecture Hall A1 recently was divided into four categories namely Men Doubles, Women Doubles, Mixed Doubles and UMS Staff Doubles. A total of 17 teams competed in the Men Doubles and six teams for the Women Doubles. Meanwhile, the Mixed Doubles and Staff Doubles each had a total of 13 teams and four teams participating.

Skema 2 team emerged champions in the Men Doubles with an easy win of 21-14 and 21-14 against Skema 1 team thus placing Skema 1 team on the second spot, followed by Sabah Badminton Association (SBA) on the third spot with a win of 21-11 and 21-10 against Kampung Boy. As for the Women Doubles, SBA team emerged champion after beating Skema 1 team in a stiff fight with 21-14, 19-21 and 21-16 points. Third place went to Skema 2 team with an easy win of 21-14 and 21-16 against Lee team.

In the Mixed Doubles, Shuttle Club team was forced to accept defeat and took the second spot when they lost in the deciding set to Skema 2 with 21-17, 18-21 and 21-13. Skema team had to settle for third place. Meanwhile, Staff Doubles saw SUKIM team took the first spot, Jalil team second spot and Sport Dynamic the third.

According to the Badminton Programme Director who is also the MPP Sports and Recreation Exco member, Pang Ngiap Ting, the championship attracted 40 teams and was also seen as a good platform to foster closer ties among students regardless of ethnic, race and creed. Pang expressed his satisfaction with the students and invited clubs' involvement and added that many other sporting activities will be organised in future and hoped that there will be more entries from students. He also recorded his appreciation to the invited clubs namely SBA and Labuan including all staff who participated in making the championship a success. -FL

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