

UMS athletes shatter two records at MASUM C'ship

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) did exceptionally well at the Malaysian University Sports Council (MASUM) Track and Field Championship after returning home with four gold, six silver and three bronze medals.

The three-day meet hosted by UTM Skudai, Johor from March 2 to 4, also saw UMS athletes create two new records en route to winning their gold medals in their respective events.

UMS Sports Unit Director Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah congratulated the

athletes for making the university proud.

"Despite sending a small contingent of nine male and six female athletes, they managed to win 13 medals. And what makes us more proud was that two of them created new records in their respective events," said Asyraaf, adding that they had prepared for the meet since late last year.

Nitas bin Camillus Tan Sing Bee won his gold medal in record fashion in the men's 10km walk event. He clocked a new time of 58:47.8s.

Eldy Sham Irlon was also among the record breakers after completing his 400m hurdles race with a new time of

55.3s.

UMS' remaining gold medals were contributed by Felnidiah Lok Kassim, who won the women's 100m hurdles event while Emmy Akhim won the women's 400m hurdles gold.

Overall, Asyraaf said UMS finished fourth behind overall winners UPM, second placed UiTM and University Malaysia in third while Universiti Sains Malaysia in fifth.

"A few of our athletes have also been selected to represent Malaysia University for the Asean University Games to be held in Laos in December," said Asyraaf without revealing any names.