



Participants learning the basics of badminton coaching from Yapp (right), at the Basic Badminton Coaching Certification Course held at UMS.

## 65 new coaches encouraged to produce national shuttlers

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**KOTA KINABALU:** A total of 65 participants successfully completed the Basic Badminton Coaching Certification Course which was held at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) here, recently.

Participants comprised 30 students from the UMS Sports Science Program (HS20), 29 from the UMS Badminton Association and six UMS staff.

The course was organized by the UMS Badminton Association, and the 2010/2011 UMS Student Representative Council Sports and Recreation Department (MPPUMS), in partnership with the Sabah Badminton Association (SBA).

The entire course was conducted by SBA executive secretary and head coach, Yapp

Su Chiew.

Yapp assured the participants that coaches need not necessarily be professional badminton players.

"The important thing is you must be interested, have ability, experience, know how to play the sport properly and know how to teach others to play properly," said Yapp.

UMS sports science lecturer, Mohamad Nizam Nazarudin who has nine coaching certificates hoped all the new coaches would start grooming young shuttlers so that more talents can be put forward to increase the number of successful badminton players at national level.

One of the participants, Law Lik Huo said his reason for

joining the course is to learn the basic skills of badminton.

Another participants, Tomny Kiet Wong Kee, said his ambition of becoming a badminton coach, now seems brighter.

"I believe the course has helped to enhance my knowledge and experience on badminton coaching. This will help me to teach more effectively about the basic knowledge of badminton," he said.

According UMS Badminton Association advisor, Rodeano Roslee, the course was useful in introducing the basics about badminton by teaching participants on the correct attitude that a badminton coach should have.

He hoped that the course would be held again next year.