



Jais (standing 3rd right), Chang (seated 2nd right) and Asry (seated 3rd right) pose with the rest of UMS badminton players at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).

## UMS student takes silver at MASUM badminton championship

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) player, Chang Yong Sian managed to secure the silver medal at a badminton championship organised by the Malaysian Universities Sports Council (MASUM) in Kuching, Sarawak from April 8-15.

Chang was defeated by Universiti Malaya's champion, Daphne Eng 5-21 and 11-21 in the women's singles category final.

Meanwhile, Asry Abas won the

bronze medal in the men's singles category after defeating Muhd Aiman Husin from Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) in straight sets 21-15 and 21-17.

The UMS team failed to qualify for the semi-final games after losing 2-3 to Universiti Teknologi Mara (UTM) in the team event, even though UMS had initially led by 2-0 through both the men's and women's individual event.

UMS team coach Jais Osman said

after the games that the students had given their best against their opponents some of whom were calibre players. He added that his players needed more intensive training to become more competitive.

"UMS players will have the opportunity to represent Malaysia at the Asian University Badminton Championship in Laos this coming December," Jais said.

He therefore hoped that the players

could be sent to take part in championships either at the state or national level to provide them with some exposures and experiences to enhance their performances.

UMS deputy vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Alumni, Associate Prof. Datuk Dr Kasim Mohd Mansur, who is also MASUM chairman, was also present during the championship in Kuching to lend his support to the UMS contingent.