

UMS to host MASUM Games next year

KOTA KINABALU: The UMS management has approved the budget for the installation of the floodlights at the UMS Mini Stadium.

This was announced by UMS Students Development and Curriculum Centre Director Prof. Madya Abdul Jamal Hamid at the opening ceremony of the Higher Learning Institute/Borneo Football Championship yesterday.

He said that the installation works are expected to be completed in May.

Abdul Jamal went on to say that UMS will also play host to the MASUM Games next year.

On the championship, he said it will give a new lease of life towards popularising football among higher learning institutions in Borneo.

He said that the inaugural tournament was indeed the start of staging or bringing in the much-needed tournaments or championships in Borneo.

He said that for teams from Borneo to participate in championships or tournaments in Peninsular Malaysia it is a bit limited due to the high cost, especially in terms of trans-

portation and logistics.

In view of that, he said USM will try to bring in as many tournaments as possible.

He believed that with the support from the Higher Learning Ministry as well as the Youth and Sports Ministry, this vision can be achieved.

Meanwhile, Assistant Youth and Sports Minister Jahid Jahim, who represented the Minister Datuk Masidi Manjun at the function lauded UMS' move in bringing more championships to the State.

He also urged the participating teams to take the opportunity to show their talents while hoping that the tournament would unearth talents that have the quality to represent the State or the national team.

A total of 10 teams are participating in the tournament, including one from Brunei.

They are UMS, University Brunei Darulssalam, University Malaysia Sarawak, University Technology Mara Samarahan, Sarawak, UMS-International Labuan, UiTM KK, Institut Kemahiran Mara (IKM), UNITAR, Gaya Teachers Training Institute and Politeknik KK. — **FRANCIS XAVIER**



IT'S OFFICIAL ... Jahid kicks off the championship.