

UMS commended for taking initiative to develop soccer

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KOTA KINABALU: Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Masidi Manjun commended institutes of higher learning such as Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) for taking the initiative to develop the football sport in the state.

He said such platform in the form of organising football tournaments would produce disciplined and knowledgeable players.

He said this in a speech read by Assistant Minister Jahid Jahim at the IPTA/S Borneo 2007 Football Championship at Stadium UMS, Tuesday. "The facilities available in the UMS and Yayasan Sabah are also of good standard.

"So, congratulation to the UMS for being able to organise the tournament between public and private institutes of higher learning in Borneo," he said.

According to Masidi, there are 10 teams part in the championship namely UMS, Unimas, Gaya Teachers' College, Unitar, Politeknik, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Kota Kinabalu



Masidi

UiTM, Samarahan UiTM, UMS Labuan branch and Mara Institute (KK branch).

He said the setting up of sport light at the UMS football stadium would also further enhance football development in the state.

The addition of the facility in the stadium, he said would help reduce the problem of football fields having such facility for use in tournaments.

In this respect, he urged the players and officials to make use of the opportunity to play their best and prove that they are as good as other institutes of higher learning.

"I surely hope that the players and officials would also display high level of sportsmanship and camaraderie in order to achieve the objectives of the tournament," he said.

He also urged visiting teams from neighbouring state and countries to take time after the tournament to visit interesting sites in the UMS and other parts of Sabah. – **Barnard Yaang**