

Develop sports industry, says Pang

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KOTA KINABALU: Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Peter Pang said sports has the potential to be a catalyst for the development of human capital in the State with the potential to generate profits and also contribute to the economic development of the country.

“For example in the west, the sports industry is an industry that contributes to the growth of their national economies.

“I believe Sabah and Malaysia would be able to develop an industry based on sports.

“As such I urge you to look to the future and plan something that we can use a platform to develop a sports



Pang (2nd from left) officiating the launching of the event.

industry in the State,” he said during the UMS Sports Award Night at 1Borneo on Monday.

Pang said the State government through the Ministry will continue to support and hoped that State athletes will continue to do well in the national and international level.

“On behalf of the State Government, I appreciate the successes of the university ath-

letes who have upheld the name of UMS, Sabah and Malaysia at the international level.”

Pang also urged athletes not to neglect their academic pursuits.

“I ask all sporting personnel whether managers, coaches or athletes to be wise in their time management so that they may achieve a balanced performance in all

aspects.”

At the event Chuah Jia Peng and Felnidiah Bte Lok Lassim won the best UMS sportsman and sportswoman award for 2012.

Also present at the event was UMS Vice Chancellor Prof. Datuk Seri Dr. Kamaruzaman Ampon and Deputy Vice Chancellor cum Event Committee Chairman Assoc Prof. Datuk Kasim Md, Mansur.