



Harun (centre) with Kassim (left) and Asyraf at the press conference on Monday.

UMS to stage Taekwondo Championship next month

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has been given the honour to stage the 3rd Asian University Taekwondo Championship to be held at the university's chancellor hall from October 11-13.

The three-day competition is jointly organised by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia (Mohe) and Malaysia University Sports Council (Masum) in cooperation with UMS.

Vice chancellor of UMS, Professor Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said at a press conference held on Monday that it is the first time that the country is hosting such a prestigious event.

"The championship initiated by Asian University Sports Federation was first held in U.A.E in 2010 followed by Kazakhstan last year. And this year, UMS as the centre of excellence in Taekwondo was given the mandate to host the event through Masum."

"We are expecting 141 athletes including officials from 12 countries to take part this year," he

added.

The countries set to appear are Brunei, China, Philippines, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nepal, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia.

There will be eight categories in the Kyorugi (Sparring) event while three categories in the Poomsae event.

Malaysia will be represented in all the categories including three UMS students.

Dr Harun hoped that the three namely Yeo Kok Siong, Mohd Fakhur Razi Hj Sazali and Raymond Toh Meng Hui who will be taking part in the poomsae event under the team of three category will produce their best and deliver a medal.

At the last meet held in Kazakhstan, Malaysia managed to win a silver and a bronze.

Also present at the press conference were UMS Deputy Vice-chancellor Assoc Prof Datuk Dr Kassim Hj Md Mansur who is also the chairman of Masum and UMS director of sports Mohd Asyraf Fong Abdullah