

# UMS to host 3rd Asian University Taekwondo Championships

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will be hosting the 3rd Asian University Taekwondo Championships from October 11-13.

UMS vice chancellor, Prof Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said UMS, the Centre for Taekwondo Excellence, was given the mandate by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) and Malaysian Universities' Sports Council (MASUM) to host the tournament, which will see 12 countries competing.

Some 141 athletes and officials from Brunei, China, Philippines, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nepal, Singapore, Thailand and host Malaysia will be involved.

"Being selected to host this event is a huge privilege for UMS. I hope we would become good hosts and that our students would go on and win medals and demonstrate exemplary achievements in

these championships," he told a press conference at UMS here, yesterday.

The tournament will be held at the Chancellor Hall.

Three UMS athletes, Yeo Kok Siong, Mohd Fakhrur Razi Sazali and Raymond Toh Meng Hui are medal hopefuls for the host team in the Men's Team Poomsae.

It is said that Malaysia will compete in all events in both the Men's and Women's categories, which comprise 11 Kyorugi (sparring) events and three Poomsae (pattern).

The Kyorugi events are Finweight, Flyweight, Bantamweight, Featherweight, Lightweight, Welterweight, Middleweight and Heavyweight, while the Poomsae comprises the individual, team and mixed events.

The first edition of this prestigious championship was held in United Arab Emirates (UAE) two years ago.