

UMS' Kids Football Fiesta to scout for young talent

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah Sports Centre is organising a Kids Football Fiesta 2012, which will be held at the UMS Sports Complex on October 20-12.

The programme is part of UMS Sports Centre's effort to support the development of football and is in conjunction with the university's 14th Convocation ceremony.

It is divided into two categories, the 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 competitions.

The 3-on-3 tournament will be for boys' under-8 and under-10, while the 5-on-5 tournament will be for boys' under-12.

According to UMS Sports Centre director, Mohd Asyraaf Abdullah, the tournament provides an avenue for all football teams to get involved in the development of the sport and to promote it among children for grassroots development and identifying talent at an early age.

"We would like to call for support from everyone including football

academies, primary schools, private sector companies interested in contributing to the community, and more importantly parents.

"Programmes like this can help to encourage the public to lead a healthy lifestyle. It is aimed at forging closer rapport among the people and to inspire children to become more creative.

"It is, therefore, our hope here at the UMS Sports Centre to realise the objective of this programme with the support and assistance from everyone so that new young talents can be identified and polished to give Sabah a brighter future in football," said Asyraaf.

Entry fee is RM30 per team for the 3-on-3 competition and RM50 for the 5-on-5. Entry forms are available at the UMS Sports Centre office.

For more information, contact Andrew (016-8441631) for the under-12 category, Rosmadih (016-8250647) for the under-10 and Azman (016-8207479) for the under-8 event. - AJ