

UMS continues to fly high in local, international stage

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has succeeded not only in producing intellectuals but also elevated the image of Malaysia at the international level by its achievements in the fields of arts and sports.

Among others, UMS won two gold medals, three silver and two bronze at the World Championship of Performing Arts in Hollywood, Los Angeles last June.

Last July, students of the university were given the honour to represent Malaysia to do the opening and closing act at the 12th Yeosu International Youth Festival with 13 of them performing the traditional dances of Sabah in South Korea.

On 10 October this year, Jufazli Shi Ahmad, an undergraduate, received the Tokoh Sejarahwan Muda Award and Best Debater Award at the Prime Minister's Trophy Debate Competition.

"UMS also excelled in sports with three of its stu-

dents selected to represent the country in the World University Taekwondo Championship in Pucheon, Korea," said Associate Professor Datuk Dr Kasim Md Mansur, deputy vice chancellor (student affairs & alumni).

He said these achievements indicated UMS to be not just an institution of learning but also a platform for undergraduates to improve holistically.

"I am confident that UMS can produce more first class human capital who are at par with graduates in other countries. Our undergraduates are not left behind in the mainstream of national and international development," he added.

Dr Kasim was speaking at the official launch of the 14th Tamu Gadang Festival held here yesterday that was declared open by Head of State Tun Juhar Mahiruddin. Also present were Juhar's wife Toh Puan Norlidah RM Jasni and UMS vice chancellor Datuk Dr Harun Abdullah.

The Tamu Gadang is the university's biggest annual event and will run until Oc-



Tun Juhar (left) and Toh Puan Norlidah (next to him) stop by at one of the many stalls at the Tamu Gadang to look at the exhibits

tober 24 this year in conjunction with its 14th convocation ceremony.

Meanwhile, Dr Kasim said UMS has also been proactive in responding to the government's call to conduct community activities under the

Blue Ocean Strategy Programme organised by the Malaysia Universities Volunteers Council.

It helped to build houses for the hardcore poor in Kampung Kulambai, Kota Belud and more recently, UMS students

under the Student in Free Enterprise (SIFE) programme were selected to represent the country in the SIFE World Cup Competition in Washington DC after they became national champions last September.