Ben Wong (right) shaking hands with Asraaf at the opening ceremony on Saturday.

62 teams participate in UMS Kids Football Fiesta

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KOTA KINABALU: 62 teams turned up for the opening of the "Kids Football Fiesta 2012" tournament at the UMS Sports Complex on Saturday.

The event was held in conjunction with the 14th UMS convocation as well as to support the sporting activities normally carried out by the Ministry of Sports and the Sports council.

According to UMS sports director ASP (K) Mohd Asraaf Abdullah the Under-8, Under-10 and Under-12 tournament will be held annually due to the overwhelming support.

He said the event is under the UMS's football grassroots programme (TUMS) and Carino sporting gears is the main sponsor for the event.

It is a two-day event and it started with group matches before the teams will be split into winners and losers pool and compete in the knockout phase.

The top three winners will each receive cash prizes, Carino sporting products, trophies and medals.

The opening ceremony was attended by Carino representative Ben Wong.