

UMS win two gold medals on first day

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) did well on the first day of the inaugural Institutes of Higher Education Games (SUKIPT) which was held at the Nilai indoor stadium in Negeri Sembilan.

They finished the day with two golds, one silver and one bronze courtesy of their taekwondo exponents.

Raymond Toh Meng Hui started the ball rolling when he won the first gold medal of the championship on Monday morning with an upset win over national athlete Too Lap Weng in the men poomsae event.

UMS Sports Director Asraaf Fong Abdullah said the win was unexpected.

"We were both very surprised and happy for him as he had only started taking up the poomsae barely a year ago after he took our advice to switch from his usual Kyorugi discipline."

Toh added another gold in the afternoon when he and fellow teammates Yeo Kok Siong and Fakrurazi Razali clinched the men team poomsae title.

Fakrurazi also delivered a silver in the mixed team event with Melda Dahalan while the bronze was won by Melda in the women poomsae.

Asraaf said the UMS contingent consists of 87 athletes and they are competing in 12 disciplines namely taekwondo, football, volleyball, beach volleyball, badminton, tennis, track and field, swimming, archery, chess, takraw and karate.