

UMS grab first gold in SUKIPT games

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) bagged the first gold medal in the Malaysian Institutions of Higher Learning Games (SUKIPT) through their taekwondo Poomsae team.

The ongoing games at the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) Skudai in Johor saw Raymond Toh Meng Hui, Ahmady Radi and Lee Kim Qin win the gold medal with 6.98 points from the judges.

Another trio from HELP University notched 6.56 points to settle for silver in the gold medal decider, while Universiti Islam

Antarabangsa and Universiti Teknikal Melaka were joint winners for the bronze.

A total of 251 gold medals are up for grabs in the Games and winning the first one was somewhat special for UMS.

"A gold medal is a gold medal, but we bagged the first one so it means something to us. We are banking on a few more from around the scenes here this week," said UMS Sports Centre director Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah yesterday.

Aside from universities, colleges and polytechnics from all over the country, there are

also teams from Thailand, Myanmar, Indonesia and Laos taking part in the games.

More than 8,000 athletes from 102 contingents are competing in this third edition of the biennial games.

The event is a 12-day affair and UMS is competing in 10 out of the 25 sporting disciplines being competed from January 25 to February 5.

A total of 38 athletes are representing UMS in silat, track and field, karate, beach volleyball, fencing, badminton, pentaque, lawn bowl and tenpin bowling aside from taekwondo.

