Sabah's Masturah first woman to play in foreign league

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah's Masturah Majid will be the first Malaysian woman futsal player to don the colours of a foreign team.

The national women's footballer and futsal player from Tuaran, who is also a staff of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will be playing for Magoo Stars in the Maldives League.

Masturah who was captain of the Malaysian women's football squad in the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games last year, will be playing for the Maldives immigration club side from August 15-25.

Former head coach of the national women's football team, Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah said



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this was the first time a Malaysian woman would be playing for a futsal team in a foreign league. "This is a huge honour for her because for the first time a Malaysian player is playing for a team in a foreign league.

"Her participation in the league not only shines a light on Malaysia, but it also lifts the pride of Sabah and UMS," said Asyraaf who is also director of UMS Sports Centre.

Meanwhile, Masturah wants to take full advantage of the opportunity to play in a more competitive league to gain experience and improve her performance.

She is grateful to the UMS management, especially Vice Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr. D. Kamarudin D. Mudin for allowing her to leave her duties to play in the Maldives League.