

Sabah fencers bag second gold

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah fencers proved their prowess yet again after winning another gold medal in the 1st Shenzhen Open Fencing Championship in China.

Laura Simon clinched top placing in the Women's Epee individual event on Sunday to emulate the feat achieved by Adam Nicholas Lindbichler a day earlier.

Lim Yin Yin also added a bronze for the Sabah squad whose overall tally was two gold and one bronze medals.

It was also learnt that Sabah had won additional gold as of yesterday but no confirmation was available at press time.

Laura, a first year student at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), got off to a bright start when she registered six wins and one defeat in the preliminary stages.

In the final, Laura faced little resistance as she went on to beat Lao Jia Yao of Hong Kong Sports

Institute 15-9 to win gold.

It was also Laura's first ever gold medal in international outing having spent over nine years training with the Sabah Fencing Association (SFA).

Yin Yin, on the other hand, is a student at Institute Sinaran with four years fencing training.

For the record, Adam created history by becoming the first Sabahan fencer to win a gold at international tournament following his Saturday's win.

After going on an impressive run of 10 wins and one defeat in the preliminary and knockout stages, Adam won gold after beating Su Zhen Yu of the Beijing Sports School 15-10 in the final.

Organised by the Shenzhen Sport Authority, over 1,000 athletes are taking part in the ongoing championship which also features age-group categories.

The championship will resume today where the Team events commence.



SECOND GOLD ... winner Laura (centre) and third placing teammate Yin Yin (2nd left) pose with fellow medallists and SFA president Alex Sham (right).