

UMS second overall

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah created records of sorts en route to a second place overall finish at the Malaysian Universities Sports Council (MASUM) Track and Field Meet in Kuala Lumpur, recently.

UMS bagged four gold medals and broke three records to set a new benchmark since first competing in the annual championship in 1995.

Emmy Akim's crowning of the Best Sportswoman award was also the first of its kind for UMS, while outstanding performances by Eldy Sham and Max Anzie also played a part in the overall

achievement.

Emmy set a record time of 1:00.08s in the Women's 400m Hurdles (1:00.08s), while Eldy conquered the men's event with a record time of 53.85s. He also bagged bronze in the 100m and 4x400m.

Max set the other record in the Javelin (52.24m) after contending for silver in the Shot Put. The other gold medal came from Mary Gabali in the Long Jump (4.91m).

"Participation in past editions of MASUM has never seen a UMS athlete win the Sportsman/Sportswoman award.

"It was also the closest we have come in our quest for top honours in our 18-year affair with the

Meet.

"UMS is proud of all its student athletes especially those who went on to set new records and brought home medals," said its Sports Center director, Mohd Asyraf Fong Abdullah.

Universiti Sains Malaysia finished third overall with four gold, three silver and two bronze medals, but top honours went to Universiti Putra Malaysia, who clinched the overall champions title with 12 gold, five silver and two bronze.

A total of 20 university contingents competed in the four-day meet, hosted by University of Malaya from May 9-12.