

Mohd Fakhrrur, Shirley win UMS Sportsman, Sportswoman awards

KOTA KINABALU: Mohd Fakhrrur Razi Sazali and Shirley Yong Shio Ling were named as Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Sportsman and Sportswoman respectively for 2012/2013 at the varsity Sports Awards Ceremony on Wednesday.

Mohd Fakhrrur, a taekwondo exponent, defeated three other nominees that included his Poomsae teammate Raymond Toh Meng Hui, Hillary Henry (Kayak) and Eldy Sham Ilron from the track and field.

As for Sarawakian Shirley, she was the pick of the panel selection over Emmy Ahkim, a track and field athlete. The duo were the only two athletes nominated for the award. UMS deputy vice chancellor (academics and international), Prof. Dr. Shariff Abd Kadir Shariff Omang Al-Haj, representing Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah, graced the glittering night.

Various UMS senior officials including Sports Centre director, Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah were also present at the



THE BEST ... Shirley and Fakhrrur pose with their prizes together with the rest of the VIPS during the ceremony. Prof. Dr. Shariff Abd Kadir and Asyraaf are seen fourth from right and second left respectively.

function, which is an annual event, aimed at showing recognition and appreciation to its athletes.

Fakhrrur clinched the award for his outstanding achievements in taekwondo. He won two gold medals in Poomsae events (mixed and team) at the inaugural Malaysian Institutions of Higher Learning Games (SUKIPT) in Nilai, Negeri

Sembilan last November.

He also won bronze in the Poomsae team event at the 16th Asean University Games (AUG) in Laos in December.

Shirley, on the other hand, was chosen for her achievements also at SUKIPT and AUG.

She won a silver medal in tennis, aiding UMS to a 14th spot overall finish from 114

competing contingents at SUKIPT.

She was also part of the Malaysia team to win a team event bronze medal, contributing to Malaysia's dominance at the 11-nation AUG in Vientiane.

The feat saw both Fakhrrur and Shirley receive RM1,000 cash, a trophy, wrist watch, blazer and certificate.

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THE WINNERS ... the top award winners on the night pose for the cameras with their prizes, while Prof. Dr. Shariff Abd Kadir (standing 4th right), Asyraaf (standing centre) and others look on.

clinched the Most Promising Sportsman Award, while fencer Laura Simon walked home with the Most Promising Sportswoman Award.

Among Maxanzie's achievements were, he won a gold medal at the UMS Track and Field Meet earlier this year, while Laura clinched two gold medals (team and individual events) at the Shenzhen Open Fencing Championships in China in April.

Both received RM500 cash, a trophy, wrist watch, blazer and certificate.

Other top winners on the night included the university's taekwondo team (Fakhrrur, Raymond and Yeo Kok Siong), who walked home with the Best Team Award and taekwondo coach, Lee Min Hee from Korea, who won the Best Coach Award.

Both awards came with a RM200 cash prize, trophy, wrist watch and certificate.