

# UMS Sepaktakraw Open Championship lures 30 teams

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**KOTA KINABALU:** A total of 30 teams are taking part in the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Sepaktakraw Open Championship at its Council Hall A1 Centre here.

The three-day championship which will end today saw teams from around the state, as well as participation from Brunei, vying for top honours.

Sabah Sepak Takraw Association (Astaka) president Datuk Awang Sham Amit officially opened the championship which is organised by the UMS Sepaktakraw Club (LIBAS UMS).

In his speech, Awang Sham lauded the efforts of the organiser for staging the tournament which he said would help popularise the sport in Sabah.

"The presence of most of our top officials in UMS today shows that we are serious in developing sepak takraw and taking it to greater heights," he said.

Meanwhile, tournament secretary Arifah Shaari said the tournament's objective, among others, was to unearth talents, promote the sport among youths and encourage a healthy lifestyle through sport.

UMS Sports Centre director Mohd Asyraaf Abdullah was also present at the opening ceremony.