

UMS efforts to promote takraw

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah's (UMS) initiative in popularising takraw as a sport in the State will hopefully attract more Sabahans to get involved in it and thus produce star athletes in the sport in the future.

Sabah Takraw Association (Astaka) President, Datuk Awang Sham Amit, also praised the university's effort in organising the 2013 UMS Takraw Tournament that attracted a total of 30 teams including two teams from Brunei Darussalam.

"UMS as the premier public university in the State could be the main catalyst for other institutions of higher learning in boosting the popularity of this traditional sport not only among students but also among the people in this State," he said.

Awang Sham was speaking during the opening of the tournament, held at the Perdana Lecture Hall A1 here recently. Also present were UMS Sport Centre Director Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah and Astaka's supreme council members.

The three-day tournament, organised by the UMS Takraw Association, saw Papar A team emerge champions after defeating Brunei 88B team with the final score of 12-15, 15-9 and 15-9. Kota Belud A and Sahabat Masjid Nabawan were placed third.

They each received a cash prize of RM1,000, RM600 and RM300 and trophies. Papar A team skipper, Rozmie Mat Yassin was declared Most Valuable Player of the tournament and received a cash prize of RM100 and a trophy.