

# UMS' Shirley gunning for medal at World University Games next month

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah's Shirley Ling Shio Ling is looking to add another feather to her hat when she competes at the 27th Summer Universiade (World University Games) in Kazan, Russia, next month.

After winning silver in tennis at the Malaysian Institutions of Higher Learning Games (SUKIPT) in Negeri Sembilan, last November, the 21-year-old

hard-hitter from Sibu, Sarawak is now gunning for a medal on the world stage.

"She was recently selected to join the Universiade in Kazan, Russia to be held on July 6-17 and everyone in the UMS family is firmly behind her.

"She has proven to be an achiever in tennis since a young age and we hope she continues to shine with another medal at this prestigious event," UMS Sports Centre director, Mohd Asyraaf Abdullah said yesterday.

Shirley, a freshman in Sports Science at the School of Education and Social Development, has a long list of tennis achievements.

She was crowned Sportswoman of the year at the UMS Sports Awards here last month, shortly after winning silver at the Malaysia-Indonesia Sports Championships (SUKMALINDO) in Bandung, Indonesia, on May 16-19.

She represented Sarawak at the Malaysia Games (SUKMA) in

2008 and 2010 and was a regular campaigner at the Malaysian Schools Sports Council Championships from 2002-2009.

She also represented Malaysia at the International Tennis Federation (ITF) U-14 Championships in Myanmar.

"More than 10,000 athletes, officials and volunteers from 162 countries will converge on Kazan for the event and UMS is indeed proud to be represented by her," said Asyraaf.



Shirley Ling Shio Ling will strut her stuff at the 27th Summer Universiade in Kazan, Russia on July 6-17, this year.