

UMS improve standing at Sukipt

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) athletes excelled at the just concluded Malaysian Institutions of Higher Learning Games (Sukipt).

A haul of five gold, six silver and 11 bronze medals saw UMS finishing in 11th place out of 117 higher learning institution contingents in the multi-sport event held at 20 locations around the Klang Valley.

“The performance by our athletes ensured UMS made improvement from the 2012 edition of Sukipt, in which

we finished 17th with three gold, six silver and three bronze medals then.

“It showed UMS sports are on the right path and hopefully will get better results in the future,” UMS Sports Centre director Mohd Asyraf Fong Abdullah said yesterday.

UMS’ five gold were from fencer Laura Simon in the women’s individual epee, the women’s karate (kata) team of Vivian Grace Gordon, Nyuk Yin Tseu and Shairah Bryanna Gomes, karateka Mathavan Vickneswaran (men’s kumite -75kg), the men’s taekwondo (poomsae)

team trio of Mohd Fakhrur Razi, Lim Kim Qin and Yeo Kok Siong and Eldy Sham Irlon (men’s 400m hurdles).

Max Anzi Jetol bagged two of the six silver in the men’s shot put and javelin events and one silver each from Emmy Ahkim (women’s 400m hurdles), Iswara Tamring (women’s javelin), El Said Aziz (men’s long jump) and Cheong Pui Siong (women’s individual poomsae).

Syahirah Bryanna Gomes in the women’s individual kata, Vivian, Yin Tseu and Shairah (women’s team kumite), Sheerwood (pencak

silat), Melda Fahalan, Fiona and Cheong Pui Siong (women’s team poomsae), Mohd Fakhrur and Melda (mixed poomsae), Yee Kok Siong (men’s individual poomsae), El Said (men’s triple jump), Merry Gabali (women’s long jump and triple jump), Aisyah (petanque) and Shirley Ling Shio Ling (women’s singles tennis) contributed the bronze medals.

Universiti Teknolodi Mara (UiTM) emerged overall champions with 64 gold, 44 silver and 34 bronze medals in the February 3-16 Games.