



The participants pose with the officials after the sessions.



Yamani giving his speech during the closing ceremony.

## Level two AFC futsal coaching course likely in Sabah

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KOTA KINABALU: The first ever level two Asian Football Federation (AFC) futsal coaching course in the country is likely to be held here in Sabah in August this year.

Hj Yamani Hafez Musa who is the chairman of the Sabah Football Association (Safa) futsal and beach football committee said this on Sunday at the close of the two-day futsal refresher course in UMS.

He said his committee will begin work with the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) and try to stage it somewhere in August. It followed the level one course that was held here in June 2012 that was also the first in the country.

The suggestion by Yamani won the praise from Football Association

Malaysia (FAM) Head of FAM coaching unit Gopal Krisnan and its Futsal Technical Director Marcello Serpa Coelho who were here to conduct the refresher course.

“Futsal development in Sabah is very active thanks to the good work done by the Futsal committee under the leadership of Yamani,” said Gopal.

“FAM will always give their support to any development programme and it will be another historic moment for Sabah and the country if the level two course is able to be staged here in August this year.”

Marcello on the other hand congratulated Safa for taking the initiative in trying to organise the level two course.

“This is a very good follow-up to the level one course and it shows the efforts

by the state FA to bring the sport to another level in the state.”

Meanwhile, the state futsal and beach football committee will stage coaching clinics in Sipitang, Sandakan, Tawau and Kota Marudu.

There may also be an inter-district tournament to be held in June as well as a proposed Under-17 tournament to unearth talents for the state Sukma squad and the senior team.

Yamani in his speech also congratulated the Sabah women’s futsal team who came second in the recent National Grand Finals held in Shah Alam.

He also said he was very pleased to see a total of 47 participants who sacrificed their time and money to attend the refresher course and reckoned it is a very healthy sign for the sport.