

# 'Nigeria' team emerge champions

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Nigeria defeated France 3-2 on penalties in the World Cup Futsal Fever Championship 2014 held at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) recently.

They played to a three-all draw during regulation time before the match was decided on penalty shootout.

The first-half score was 1-1. Nigeria and France scored two goals each in the second half to end the match at 3-3 which forced it to be decided by penalties.

Sixteen teams took part in the tournament aimed at raising funds for the Sembulan Orphanage. All the teams were named after the countries competing in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil in June.

The third and fourth places went to Japan and England.

According to Nigeria team manager who is also UMS Sports Science Lecturer, Dr Mohamad Nizam Nazarudin, their team played well and were able to control the game but some carelessness allowed their opponents to take advantage.

Collin Cyrill was selected as the best player while and top scorer was Andi Habbibi who scored 11 goals.



'Nigeria' team pose with Nizam.



Collin (right) declared as the best player and Andi as the top scorer.