

UMS retain taekwondo champions title

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) defended their overall champions title during the 37th State-level Taekwondo Championship 2010 which ended at the Maksak Hall in Likas here on Sunday

UMS bagged a total of six gold, three silver and six bronze medals to take the top spot with only a one gold medal lead against second-placed Tuaran.

Tuaran, champions in 2007, clinched five gold, three silver and two bronze medals while 2008 champions and 2009 runners-up Kota Kinabalu had to settle for third place with three gold, two silver and two bronze.

The under-17 (12-14 and 15-17) age group saw a successful title defence after Tuaran emerged as champions for the second year in a row.

Tuaran took 12 gold, six silver and eight bronze to defeat 2008 champions Putatan with a comfortable lead after the former champions only managed



Mahmood being introduced to Kota Kinabalu's exponents led by Team Manager, Jude Lopez (right) during the closing ceremony of the 37th State Level Taekwondo Championship 2010.

to bag five gold, three silver and nine bronze.

Third place went to Sandakan Club after winning four gold, five silver and four bronze.

A total of 333 exponents competed in the championship, representing 17 teams including Sarawak, Labuan, and teams from throughout Sabah during the three-day

championship which was organized by the United Sabah Taekwondo Association (USTA).

The closing and prize presentation ceremony was officiated by Sabah Sports Board general manager, Mahmood Kalong representing the Deputy Chief Minister cum Minister of Youth and Sports Datuk Peter Pang En Yin.



CONGRATULATIONS... Mahmood (right) presenting the 37th State Level Taekwondo Championship 2010 overall champion trophy to team UMS's captain, Joseph Jose, as USTA vice president cum organizing chairman, Robert Kembey looks on.