

200 to attend Borneo Sports Symposium

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KOTA KINABALU: Around 200 participants are expected at the Borneo Sports Symposium here from May 3-5.

The Youth and Sports Ministry, Sabah Sports Board (SSB), Sabah Sports Council (SSC) and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) are jointly organising the symposium themed "Grassroots to Elite Performances".

The first day (May 3) of Symposium will take place at the Kota Kinabalu Sports Complex in Likas while programmes for May 4-5 will be held at the Tabung Haji Hotel.

Chairman of SSB, Dr. KH Tan, said it was high time that the symposium should be held in Sabah, which he believed would give a positive impact on grassroots level for the benefit of the state in the future.

He said the symposiums would function as a significant platform for sports officials, team managers, teaching staff and coaches to share recent findings from diverse specialists with the public.

"Other objectives are to convey the vision and mission of the Ministry of Youth and Sports towards a well-developed sports industry in the country.



WELCOME TO JOIN ... Tan (4th left) leads the rest promoting the Borneo Sports Symposium which will take place here from May 3-5.

"Apart from that, it is also to improve the quality and structure of sports management, the sports science industry and physical education," he told reporters here yesterday.

According to him, well-established speakers would present the various topics prepared for the symposium.

"It is not easy to invite the specialists to come over and that is why we hoped those interested should not miss such a great opportunity," he added.

Among the high profile speakers are Professor John Cronin who specialises in human research with particular focus on the strengthening of the muscles.

The co-director of the Sports Performance Research Institute New Zealand will present a topic on Strength and Conditioning, where he will uncover the physical and physiological aspects of development in athletes for elite sports performance.

"We are lucky to have him as one of the speakers," said Tan.

Other highlights of the symposium are Grassroots Development to be presented by Hon. Sr William Butch Ramirez, Skill Acquisition (Dr. Pathmanathan K. Suppiah), From Sukma to Elite Performance (Aliudin Jumaat), Sports Injury Prevention: Role of First Responder (Dr. Chan Kin Yuen) and Restructure Sarawak Sports Corporation (Dr. Ong Kong Swee).

There will also be a Symposium Workshop by Nathanael Tan, Mohd Amirul Zaini and Spencer Biondy Raymond Ramba.

Among those present at the press conference yesterday were SSB general manager Terrance Edward Pudin, Dr. Pathmanathan and Aliudin.

Those interested to join the symposium can contact Rainold J. Mokuji at 013-8972801, 088-221706 (SSB office) or fax 088-212412. The closing date is on April 26.