New UMS artificial football field among the best in nation

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KOTA KINABALU: The Universiti Malaysia Sabah’s (UMS) newly completed artificial football field is one of the best in the nation. It is suitable for any kind of matches, including tournaments or even a venue for the national team’s training.

UMS Vice Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah said they are proud to have such a quality artificial football field, which is sanctioned by the world football national body - FIFA. He said this when met after trying out the varsity’s latest sporting facilities after it was inspected by a representative from FIFA, Anthony Apparailly during a friendly match between their top management officers led by Mohd Harun against its administrative staff, which ended in favour of the top management team 3-2.

Meanwhile, the new artificial field is the third one in the state with the first being in Sandakan, and another one in Likas. However, the UMS artificial field which is 68m wide and 105m long, which is of international standard, is the only one here that is sanctioned by FIFA.

Its grass is 50 millimetres long.

Anthony commented that the artificial field is in good condition and the surface is soft and comfortable.

It is also equipped with four water pumps, which is to be used when the weather is hot.