KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) showed their dominance in the Sabah IPT Sports Championship 2016 that ended at the varsity's sports complex on Sunday.

They emerged champions in six out of the eight sporting events competed at the two-day championship that vied for the Deputy Minister of Higher Education's Datuk Mary Yap Kain Ching Cup.

UMS Vice Chancellor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah was proud to note that the varsity did well in the inaugural championship, describing their performance as excellent.

He congratulated and thanked the athletes or students as well as team officials who have brought honour to the university.

Mohd Harun insisted that this is the result of hard work and commitment from all parties in bringing success to the UMS contingent.

For the record, among the objectives of the championship is to provide opportunities to IPT students in Sabah to interact through sports.

UMS claimed top honours in football, futsal, netball, sepak takraw, men's and women's basketball and finished as second best in men's and women's volleyball.

In football, UMS emerged champions after defeating Politeknik KK in the final. ILPKK were third.

UMS also shone in netball as they bagged the gold medal, while Kolej Vokasional Tawau claimed the silver and the bronze went to Politeknik KK.

It was another golden outing for UMS in sepak takraw. Politeknik KK won silver and Kolej Vokasional Kudat settled for bronze.

UTM Sabah and Kolej Vokasional Kudat won the men's and women's volleyball events respectively. Both UMS men's and women's teams settled for silver.

The men's bronze was won by Kolej Vokasional Kudat, while the women's went to UMS Labuan with Kolej Vokasional.

The basketball events were dominated by UMS as both their men's and women's teams won the gold medals.

Politeknik KK claimed the men's silver, while ATI College won the bronze.

In the women's category, IPG Keningau won the silver and IPG Gaya claimed bronze.

In futsal, the top three finishers were UMS, Asia Metro College and SIDMA College.

For the record, a total of 27 institutions of higher learning (IPT) from throughout the state took part in the championships that was hosted by UMS.