TUESDAY, 19 APRIL – Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Associate Professor Dr. Ismail Ali reminded athletes who would be competing in the Borneo Higher Learning Institutes Staff Friendly Games to use the championship as a platform to foster unity and regional sportsmanship.

He said the friendly game was quite unique with its contingents coming from Borneo island itself, and this opportunity should be used to foster friendship through the sports contested.

“We have contingents from Sarawak, Brunei, Federal Territory of Labuan, and Kalimantan, Indonesia that will converge here to participate in this game.

“My hope is that every athlete does not only compete to collect medals, but use this opportunity to interact and share experiences with athletes from other countries,” he urged.

He was speaking at the handing over of UMS flag to the contingent.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ismail also urged that sports and recreational activities be continued on other days at the respective departments and not only confined to having them in tournaments, so as to practice the culture of healthy lifestyle.

At the forthcoming 4th Friendly Games, UMS contingent is sending 180 athletes to participate in 13 sports disciplines contested. – MA (fl)

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