LABUAN: Some 1,000 people turned up in support of the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMSKAL) Tamu Gadang Festival which showcased the students’ creativity and talent.

The annual four-day fest, beginning Nov 30, presented an array of activities and entertainment held at the university’s main hall.

Attendees witnessed various entertaining events including the performances of five finalists of the UMSKAL Talent Night Competition, which included a staged play, singing and dancing performances as well as a fire show.

The excitement of the night did not end there when a group of 30 dancers known as the ‘Festival Of Light UMSKAL’ rocked the hall with unparalleled dance performances including remakes of scenes from famous Tamil films.

This was followed by the presentation of the Bugis tribe traditional dance by the Taming Mas UMSKAL dancers.

The closing night of the festival was also complemented by the appearance of two local artists namely Syafiq Farhain and Hajiem Rusli.

Other programmes lined up throughout the fest include a Cyber Game Challenge, chess workshop and contest, an exhibition for traditional medicine, ‘Kids Got Talent’ contest, men’s open futsal game, Graduate Run UMSKAL, a combat sport demonstration, traditional dance workshop, UMSKAL Cooking Challenge, etc.

The closing ceremony was officiated by UMSKAL director Prof Dr. Murnizam Halik and prizes were presented to the winners of the talent night.

Also present were UMSKAL deputy director Associate Professor Dr. Geoffrey Hary Tanakinjal, Labuan International Finance Faculty deputy dean Assoc Prof Dr. Lee Hock Ann, senior deputy registrar Zamri Mohamad Tuah and MPP vice president Fauzan Mirza Eko.

Prof Dr. Murnizam (third right, back row) with all the finalists of the talent night.