Universiti Malaysia Sabah sweep futsal titles

KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) were a class above the rest when they won the men and women's titles at the Telekom Malaysia (TM) Public and Private Higher Learning Institution Futsal Tournament.

UMS men's team won 5-3 in the final against UMS-KAL at the Suria Indoor Soccer Centre, Jesselton Point over the weekend. The victory also ensured UMS remained unbeaten en route to the championship titles.

UMS men's squad comprised Muhammad Affan Jumahat, Rainol Masaat, Alfred Danil @Stanley, Muhamad Hanif, Muhamad Asraf, Welington A. Engkong and Muhamad Hafizan. It was the same squad that took home the Malaysia University Council (Masum) Cup 2009 and the Borneo Higher Learning Institution League title this year.

The men's category of the tournament jointly organised by TM and Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) attracted 24 teams. In the women's competition, UMS registered three wins and one draw to lift the title.

Five teams took part in the category that was played based on one-round league system.

The other teams are UiTM, IKBN Kinarut, Kolej Master Skill and Politeknik Kota Kinabalu.

UMS coach Azman Soaibah said the victory was a bonus to the squad because the chief aim was to expose the players in preparation for the Masum Futsal Tournament in Kuala Lumpur in May.

The champions at the recent tournament won trophies, medals and RM500 prize money each, runners-up (RM350 and medals) and second runners-up (RM250 and medals).

Deputy director HEP Campus UiTM Sabah Ag Bakar Ag Tatam presented the prizes to the winners.