KOTA KINABALU: A total of 24 candidates attended the Asian Football Confederation/FA of Malaysia Licence C Coaching Course jointly organised by the Ministry of Higher Education and Universiti Malaysia Sabah that ended on Wednesday.

The two-week course was conducted by Gopalkrishnan Ramasamy, a coaching instructor from the FAM.

Out of the 24, 11 candidates were from UMS while the rest outsiders, including three women namely Laini Ahing, Sihaya Ajad and Jacqueline Gom.

The rest of the candidates were Ardi Bin Sida, Charles Thomas, Jerry Bin Suning, Slybister Bin Justin, Mohd Aiyyman Shah Johny Abdullah, Mohd Faizal Bin Marjus, Mohd Azhar Abd Kadir, Restu Emat, Razeki Rashid, Jor- rye Bin Jakiwa, Andy Bin Nasar, Darus Abdul Wahab, Masran @Masrah Bin Kuba, Michael Wong @Jime, Muhamadin Abdul Ajid, Edgar L Domingo, Hassan Bin Madisah, Harry Yanto Bin Bikal, Norsi Bin Sabtari, Roslan Bin Wasli and Mohd Ariel Ladom Abdullah.

UMS Director of Sports Centre Mohd Asyraaf Abdullah was there to grace the closing.

In his brief address, Asyraaf said among the objectives of the course was to produce more qualified football coaches in Sabah.

He said the course also enabled the participants to gain new experience and knowledge.

Asyraaf said the course also directly helped create leadership culture among UMS staff as well as the other participants.

He also sees that this effort would strengthen UMS' football programme, besides supporting the government agenda in the development core sports, including football.