KOTA KINABALU: The School of Psychology and Social Works (SPKS) beat 30 other Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) faculties and units during the university’s Hari Raya Open House Stalls Competition, held at its Lecture Hall 2, yesterday.

The SPKS team, which also bagged the Most Popular Award, won RM1,500 cash in the annual competition organised by the university.

Second place was won by the School of Art Studies (SPS), bringing home RM1,000, followed by the Institute of Biology, Tropical and Rehabilitation (IBTP) in third place, winning RM500 cash.

The competition saw participants setting up their respective stalls creatively, as well as preparing their own food and beverages which were later served to guests at the open house.

Organising chairman UMS registrar Datuk Abdullah Mohd Said said in his opening speech yesterday that an interesting bit in this year’s competition was that the eco-campus criteria of each stall was taken into account in the judging process.

He added that the competition aimed at getting more involvement from the students and staff of UMS in the annual Hari Raya Open House programme, as well as to strengthen the ties among UMS citizens.

Yesterday’s open house was graced by UMS chancellor, Head of State Tun Haji Juhar Datuk Haji Mahiruddin, his wife Toh Puan Hajah Norlidayat Datuk R.M. Jasni, as well as UMS vice chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Mohd Harun Abdullah, and his wife Datin Baidah Ibrahim.