KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) finished third overall in the Mixed Team event at the 8th UMS Fencing Open Championship that was held here over the weekend.

The tournament saw the six-member MMU Melaka contingent emerge as champions after they beat MMU Cyberjaya, 43/33 in the final. The two-day championship also contested four individual events, namely the Men's Foil, Men's Epee and the Women's Foil and Women's Epee.

SM Kian Kok's, Teo Zhi Bin claimed the honours in the Men's Foil when he beat Desmond Lee Hee Jin from MMU Cyberjaya, 15/12 in the final. Teo's teammate, Manuel Chong won the bronze.

Muhammad Azrul represented MMU Cyberjaya in the Men's Epee final. He won the gold after beating MMU Melaka's Lim Chew Chuan, 15/13, while Lim's teammate, Nik Daniel Affandi bin Nik Kamaruzaman clinched the bronze in third place.

In the Women's events, Huam Hooi Ming topped the Foil competition to give MMU Melaka another gold medal. She beat Yeo Siow Wee from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), 15/4, while Radiance Chin Khee Yong added a bronze to MMU Melaka's medal haul.

Local contingent, SMKian Kok added another gold medal to their collection when Lim Yin Yin emerged as winner of the Epee final. Yeo Siow Wee fought well but had to settle for another silver medal after Yin Yin won the match, 15/11.

Universiti Sains Malaysia's Ooi May Chen finished in third place for the bronze.

The two-day tournament attracted some 42 fencers from seven contingents. Apart from SM Kian Kok, SMK Lok Yuk was the other contingent to represent a local secondary school.

Organising chairman, Lee Poh Yee thanked all the participants for supporting the event and to all committee members for making the tournament a success.