KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) shined at the just concluded second Malaysian Institution of Higher Learning Games (Sukipt) in Selangor on Sunday.

They collected a total of five golds, six silvers and 11 bronzes to finish in 11th place out of 117 teams throughout the country, which was a much improved performance from the first edition in 2012 where they only grabbed three golds, six silvers and three bronzes and ended in 17th place.

The five gold medal contributors were fencer Laura Simon in the women individual epee, Vivian Grace Gordon/Nyuk Yin Tseu/Syahirah Bryanna Gomes in the women karate kata, Mathavan Vickneswaran in the men's karate kumite 75kg, Mohd Fakhrur Razi, Lee Kim Qin, Yeo Kok Siong in the taekwondo team poomsae and Eldy Sham Irlon in the men's 400m hurdle.

The six silver medallists were Emmy Ahkim (women's 400m hurdle), Max Anzie Jetol (men's shot putt and javelin), Iswara Tamring (women's shot putt), El Said Aziz (men's long jump) and Cheong Pui Siong (women's taekwondo individual poomsae).

The bronze were delivered by Syahirah Bryanna Gomes (ind. women karate kata), Syahirah Bryanna Gomes/Vivian Grace Gordon/Nyuk Yon Tseu (team women karate kumite), Sheerwood (men's pencak silat class H), Melda Dahalan, Fiona, Cheong Pui Siong (team women taekwondo poomsae), Mohd Fakhrur Razi, Melda Dahalan (mixed Taekwon poomsae), Yeo Kok siong (ind. men's taekwondo poomsae), El Said Aziz (men's triple jump), Merry Gabali (women's long jump and triple jump), Aisyah (ind. Women petanque) and Shirley Ling Shio Ling (individual women tennis). - GL Oh