

UMP AS THE BASKETBALL SPORTS CENTRE FOR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

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Higher Education Deputy Minister, Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah announced that Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) was picked as the basketball sports center for public universities in the country.

He said this when launching Malaysia Higher Education Deputy Minister Trophy's 3rd Basketball Carnival held at SUKPA Indoor Stadium, Kuantan on October 8, 2010.

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"Organising the basketball carnival is an initiative that would add value and impact sports as a way of life among undergraduates.

"The game can be turned into a 1Malaysia Sports by getting all races to participate," he added.

Dato' Saifuddin suggested that UMP played a role as the medium in scouting new talents and helping to upgrade the quality of the game among students.

He also said the ministry had set a minimum target of 30% that national players must include undergraduates from public universities nationwide.

According to the carnival's tournament Tuan Haji Mustafa Ibrahim, UMP was now drafting a sports development



programme together with the ministries of Higher Education, Education, Sports and Youth as well as Malaysia Basketball Association (MABA).

A total of 133 teams, comprising 113 from public universities and 20 from secondary schools, took part in the tournament.

Under the public university category, Universiti Malaya A (UM-A) was named the winner for men's group after defeating Universiti Putra Malaysia A (UPM-A). The women's group was won by Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM-A) when they beat Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM-D).

Under the secondary school category, the winner for the boys' group was Majlis Sukan Sekolah Kelantan (MSSK)