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UiTM go ahead with Sevens nevertheless

THE Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) are going ahead with their four-day International Rugby Sevens starting tomorrow despite the event not being sanctioned by the Malaysian Rugby Union (MRU).

UiTM Head of Sports Mustaza Ahmad said they would proceed with the tourney as arrangements for the foreign teams competing have been made.

"There may have been some miscommunic-

ation somewhere. But MRU are the governing body and we have to respect their decision," said Mustaza.

Mustaza said they would now be hosting the event as a friendly tournament.

"Rugby is the No 1 sport in UiTM and we've been preparing for the tournament for the past few weeks."

The competition is in conjunction with the university's 50th anniversary celebrations this

year.

"We will have one more meeting with MRU tomorrow (today) but whatever the outcome, we will still host the tournament.

On Monday, MRU's director of competition Jamaluddin Salim said they would not sanction the UiTM competition as the hosts did not observe the rule of applying for a sanction six months before a scheduled event. - *By*

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