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Approval for Sevens



UiTM gain MRU sanction

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THE Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) have earned the Malaysian Rugby Union's (MRU) sanction for their inaugural International Rugby Sevens competition at the UiTM rugby ground starting today.

MRU decided to sanction the UiTM tourney after a meeting between MRU director of competition Jamaluddin Salim (*left*) and UiTM head of sports Mustaza Ahmad yesterday.

The sanction, though, comes with two conditions.

One requires UiTM to cancel the schools category of the competition and to hold only the senior event.

The other calls for the organisers to find another seven teams to team up with the nine foreign visiting sides and play on a 16-team format.

Jamaluddin said: "MRU agreed to sanction the competition after a long discussion with UiTM.

"The organisers admitted there was some miscommunication on their side, which resulted in the failure of UiTM to apply for a sanction six months before the schedu-

led event.

"We, however, hope such a mistake will not be repeated in the future."

Jamaluddin added that MRU would have a senior official at the tournament to monitor the competition.

"The official can call off the whole tournament if requirements such as medical and security are not met."

With the sanction, UiTM can also appoint MRU referees for the tournament.

MM says: Bravo, UiTM. Your powers of persuasion are to be applauded