

Get a tekong at UiTM

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The winners pose with their mock cheques after the prize presentation of the Mara Technology University-Higher Education Ministry National Sepak Takraw Carnival in Shah Alam recently.

SHAH ALAM: Wily tekongs, deadly spikers and creative feeders were showed their skills at the UiTM Sports Complex recently.

They stood out among the teams that took part in the Mara Technology University-Higher Education Ministry National Sepak Takraw Carnival.

Forty-eight regus participated in the Public-Private Higher Education Institution (IPTA-S)category, 21 regus in the Under-18 and 24 regus in the Under-15.

The second edition of the carnival has met its purpose of helping state sepak takraw associations unearth talent, especially for the Malaysia Games.

The organisers' goal of discovering "intelligent players" will go a long way in helping the Malaysian Sepak Takraw Association (PSM) to have a wider pool of talent for the national team.

With about RM12,000 in cash being offered as prizes, the tournament attracted many teams. Eleven regus competed in the women and media category.

The main title, the IPTA-S, went to Polytechnic Sports Council 'B' after they defeated Kota Baru

Polytechnic 'B' 2-0 in the final. Polytechnic took home RM1,300.

The final was witnessed by Selangor Sepak Takraw Association President, Datuk Abdul Rahman Palil and the Head of UiTM Sports Centre, Mustaza Ahmad.

Kota Baru Polytechnic won RM1,000 while UiTM 'B' and UTM 'C' had to settle for RM500 each as third place joint winners.

The four losing quarterfinalists, Polytechnic Sports Council 'C', Rompin Community College, Kota Baru Polytechnic 'C' and Polytechnic Sports Council 'A', won consolation prizes.

Bandar Penawar Sports School (SSBP) 'A' proved their supremacy by sweeping the Under-15 and Under-18 titles, collecting RM1,650.

Their regus beat Banting and SSBP 'C' 2-0 in the finals.

Strengthened by national tekong and spikers, Siti Norzubaidah Che Ab. Wahab and Nurul Izzatul Hikmah Zulkifli, Kelantan 'B' and 'C' became the champions and runners-up in the women's category.

The hosts' two regus -- UiTM 'B' and 'C' shared third place.

Sukan Malaysia won the Media title, which came with RM1,000 after outplaying Utusan-Mingguan Sukan 2-0 with the runners-up taking home RM700.

RTM-Filem Negara and Bikerz Magazine-Utusan-RTM finished joint third and pocketed RM400.

Among the media players were Muhammad Haffizul Ibrahim (marketing department of Utusan), Manja Bah Lunggok (Filem Negara), Rajif Sulaiman, Idian Bah Lunggok, Wan Mohd Noraffandi W. Mohd Ghazali, Azmi Khamis, Syed Fadzil Syed Abdulla (RTM), Maznan Muhd. Mapot Muhamad Mahfud (ntv7) and Azmi Mansor (Bikerz magazine).

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