Aaron first Sarawakian to receive MSA Level II umpiring certification

KUCHING: Aaron Abel Donald created a new chapter in the state softball history by becoming the first Sarawakian to receive the Malaysian Softball Association (MSA) Level II umpiring certification recently.

The 30-year-old self-employed Aaron from Miri, who is also Sarawak Softball Association (SSA) vice president, technical chairman (umpire-in-chief) and state player and coach, attended the MSA umpiring examination with 12 other participants in Kuala Lumpur, December last year.

Aaron was the only person to pass the Level II examination while four others passed Level III.

By acquiring this certification, Aaron is now qualified to umpire in national level tournaments.

He was in Kuching this week to lead a group of three umpires from SSA to umpire in the recent Malaysian Schools Sports Council Kuching Boys U-18 and U-15 Softball Championship.

While here, Aaron is also surveying three training venues to be the two proposed Sarawak State Sports Council’s softball development centres.

One of them is the field at SMK St Thomas while the other one could be either University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) or Politeknik Kuching.

Aaron will also be one of the panel coaches who will be conducting a softball clinic in Miri this week.