Masum a platform to national team
Inter-varsity games can produce top athletes — Lee

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KOTA SAMARAHAN: A total of 1,600 athletes from 20 public institutions of higher learning (IPTA) nationwide will compete in the 2012 Malaysia University Sports Council (Masum) Games hosted by University Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas).

Eight events will be contested during the one week sports carnival which comprises futsal, aquatics, tennis, chess, badminton, squash and archery.

“The Masum Games is one of the platforms to discover potential athletes to represent Malaysia. I am glad that the sports carnival is held as it is for the good of sports in the country,” said Assistant Minister of Communications and Sports Datuk Lee Kim Shin at the opening ceremony.

The events are held at the new Unimas sports complex.

“The government seriously support games and sporting events in IPTAs. We want the IPTAs to contribute excellent athletes for the country. The IPTAs can develop their students into excellent athletes for the nation,” added Lee.

As the government had invested heavily in the development of education and sports in the country, Lee commented it is only right that IPTA students do their best for the country.

During the games launching ceremony, Unimas vice-chancellor Datuk Dr Khairuddin Abdul Hamid on behalf of Unimas, expressed his gratitude that the university was chosen as host to the games.

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YOUNG TALENTS: Lee (centre) with the Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and Universiti Tenaga Malaysia athletes after the launching at Universiti Malaysia sports complex. Both IPTAs are Sarawak representatives in the games.