KUCHING: UiTM confirmed their supremacy in Malaysia University Sports Council (Masum) Games Phase 1 by dominating nine out of 14 events contested at the Unimas sports complex at Samarahan.

However, UPM topped the medals table with 23 gold, 42 silver and 18 bronze.

Since medals tally was not the yardstick to decide the overall winner of the games UiTM came out on top in the games.

Mohd Fisol Saud, the head of the UiTM contingent praised the efforts of his athletes after the prize-giving ceremony.

He was happy that his team lived up to expectations by winning all the targeted events which they set before the tournament.

“I am happy that we won the events which are traditionally dominated by us in the games like futsal, archery, squash and tennis. We also managed to regain our dominance in chess,” he added during an interview with thesundaysports yesterday.

Despite winning the chess competition, Mohd Fisol was disappointed that UiTM’s final opponent UPM did not put up a good fight.

He claimed that UPM did not send in their best players for the event.

“We had done some centralised training before the games. We also would like to express our gratitude to the staff of our campus here in Samarahan for their tremendous help during the Games,” added Mohd Fisol.

The games will enter phase 2 this July at Tun Hussein Onn University (UTHM), Johor.

Meanwhile Sarawak’s representative in the games, Unimas had to settle for just one gold, one silver and one bronze.

They won the gold medal through the mens double ten-pin bowling event.

During the games closing ceremony yesterday, Vice-Chancellor of Unimas Datuk Dr Khairuddin Abdul Hamid expressed gratitude that his university was given the chance to host the games.

He added that it is truly an honour that Unimas was chosen as a venue as Unimas had just constructed a new sports complex and was eager to test their new infrastructure.

The Masum Games was hosted by Unimas from April 8 to 13.

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