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UUM IN PURSUIT OF FIVE GOLD MEDALS AT THE MASUM PHASE 1 SPORTS CARNIVAL



UUM ONLINE: Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) contingent has set its goal to win five gold medals at the Phase One of the Sports Carnival organised by the Malaysian Universities Sports Council (MASUM) scheduled to be held from 31 January until 6 February at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Arau Branch, Perlis.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Dr. Ahmad Bashawir Abdul Ghani expressed hope that the university athletes would bring home more medals from the carnival this year compared to the last.

"If last year we only won one gold medal, I fervently hope that this year, we could aim and win five gold medals as testament to the hard work and dedication to elevate the UUM brand in sporting events.

"I believe that the amenities and facilities provided at this university are better and more sophisticated compared to other universities, amongst them include the 18-hole golf course and the international futsal court that have enabled us to produce top-level athletes," he said at the Flag Hand-Over Ceremony, to fellow athletes representing the UUM contingent to the MASUM Sports Carnival Phase 1 held at the UUM Sports Centre recently.

A total of 104 athletes will represent UUM in nine out of the 11 sporting events namely pencak silat, karatedo, sepak takraw, softball, tennis, badminton, ping pong, basketball and chess.

The Vice-Chancellor said he would also like for UUM to be recognized for producing top sports athletes nationally and internationally, and not just at producing academic graduates, hence he urged all the athletes not to be discouraged and make use of sports as a platform to strengthen themselves, as well as to seek victory.

Meanwhile, leader of the UUM Contingent, Mr. Za'im Ahmad, who is also the Director of the UUM Sports Centre humbly accepted the Vice-Chancellor's challenge of bringing back home five medals compared to just two medals which were the initial target, for events namely the pencak silat sports and karatedo.

"I consider it as a challenge and will strive hard to realize that target, moreover pencak silat and karatedo have been placed as events that can provide UUM with medals given the fact that the athletes of these combative sports performed exceptionally well in a series of tournaments that took place previously," he said.

Pencak silat coach, Mr. Mohd Sobri Hashim expressed his confidence of UUM's ability to compete for the gold medal and ultimately surpassing the set target.

UiTM, UTHM and UPSI are said to be amongst UUM's closest competitors. This year many of UUM's athletes will be presented by fresh new faces.

For pencak silat athlete, Mr. Muhammad Faqih Che Lah, he expressed hope of securing a gold medal for the third time at this year's games and aspired to face his closest contender, UiTM.



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