

KUIM pushing the limits

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AN inspired run in the Malaysian Universities Sports Council (Masum) sports carnival last May was the catalyst that Kolej Universiti Islam Malaysia (KUIM), Nilai needed to uplift their standard in sports to be on par with other institutions of higher learning.

KUIM won 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals compared to just a silver medal in the Masum Games last year.

The vast improvement was largely due to the dedication, commitment and interest shown by the KUIM authority towards sports and the full support of the student population.

KUIM's head of sports, Nur Ekmal Buhary said: "The medal tally may be small but it is ample proof that we can become a force to be reckoned with in the not too distant future if we have systematic training programmes and work hard to achieve our objectives."

"We competed in the Masum Games in 2001 and we were always considered "whipping boys" but this year we can hold our heads high with our decent performance."

Recently, in a concerted effort to find a more suitable home to train KUIM's athletes for the indoor games, a tie-up was sealed with the Negeri Sembilan State Government to rent the Indoor Stadium in Nilai with a special concession rate.

A sports complex within KUIM campus has just been built, equipped with two football fields, two tennis courts, three volleyball courts, two handball courts, three netball courts and two basketball courts ready for occupation.

At the same time KUIM has also engaged sports coaches in nine sports discipline to address training and coaching programmes and



A BIG THANK YOU: KUIM Rector, Dato Dr. Abdul Shukur Haji Husin presenting the cash prize to Parhana Jamaludin. Looking on is Deputy Rector Dr. Muhammad Haji Alias (centre) and Head of Sports Nur Ekmal Buhary.

the students in great numbers have responded well to it.

However, the support and interest shown by the authorities led by KUIM Rector, Dato Dr Abdul Shukur Hj Husin is the cornerstone to improve further in sports and hopefully contribute towards producing national athletes.

Nur Ekmal added, "We want our students to excel in sports and studies and we encourage them to participate actively."

As for the involvement of the female students we have no objections as long

as they conduct themselves properly and the attire fulfills the norms of religion."

As proof of KUIM's grand design to encourage and achieve glory in sports, an incentive award presentation was held recently to honour the winners in the Masum Games. A cash prize of RM500, RM300 and RM200 were given to athletes who bagged gold, silver and bronze respectively.

Parhana Jamaludin from the Faculty of Quran and Sunnah took centre stage as she received the cash award for win-

ning gold in taekwondo in the Masum Games. She was the solitary KUIM medal winner in last year's Masum

The other winners are all from the silat category and they are Faizah Azleena Asnawee, Hafizah Abdul Jalil, Mohd Firdaus Othman, Mohd Hishamuddin Ismail, Mustapha Salleh, Shamsul Akmal and Noor Adlan Nawawi.

KUIM's expedition team to the summit of Gunung Kinabalu in June, 2006 and their secretariat, who were named the best in the Masum Games in May, were given special mention and feted.