Sports

555 athletes converged on UMP–Excella International Indoor Archery Championships 3.0

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A total of 555 athletes and officials gathered at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) comprising teams from six countries, namely Malaysia, India, Singapore, Turkey, Germany and France, taking part in the UMP–Excella International Indoor Archery Championships 3.0 on 15 December 2019.

The tournament was organised by the Centre for Sports and Culture, Department of Student Affairs and Alumni, and UMP Archery Club, in collaboration with Excella Archery Distribution Sdn. Bhd. (Excella Archery Proshop) based di Melaka.

According to the UMP Senior Youth and Sports Officer, who is also the advisor and chairman of the tournament, Excella Archery Proshop sponsored the prizes worth more than RM30,000.

“For the first time, this tournament managed to attract international teams to compete.

“This tournament saw the participation of three teams from India, four from Singapore, and one each from Turkey, France and Brunei.

“We hope this tournament will be continued in the future and get financial support from UMP and sponsors to ensure it will be held again and attract more international participants,” he said.

He added that the tournament indirectly promoted UMP at the international level.

According to Mohamad Ikhmal Idham Ali Yasak, the Tournament Director from the UMP Archery Club, the successful organisation of the tournament was assisted by 100 volunteers among UMP students as the technical committee members of the tournament.

“Those involved are UMP archery athletes, UMP Archery Club members, UMP Students Sports Council and students who enrolled in the co-curricular course Archery UQS2081-1G,” he said.

The closing and prize presentation ceremony was delivered by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dato’ Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin. Also present were the Director of Excella Archery Distribution Sdn. Bhd., Michael Song and UMP Senior Youth and Sports Officer, Mohd Aznorizamin Ismail.

The Malaysia Pahang Sports School (SSMP) won the tournament with 6 gold and 1 bronze medals. The second position was shared by three teams, namely Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI), HAFA Archery (HAFA) dan Putrajaya Archery Team (PAT), with 2 gold medals each.

UMP team sent 14 archers and won 2 bronze medals through Fadhli Ashra Ab Rahim in the Compound Men category.

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