

UPM dethrone UiTM to take SUKIPT title

THE Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) contingent can afford to smile from ear to ear after they became overall champions of the Institutions of Higher Learning Games (SUKIPT) by dethroning Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Bangi yesterday.

On the final day of the Games, UPM finished with 44 gold, 41 silver and 33 bronze medals to take the overall title while previous champions UiTM finished second with 42 gold, 37 silver and 35 bronze.

For UPM contingent officer Dr. Hanafiah Ayub, the success did not happen overnight, but thanks to their determined efforts which began almost a year ago.

“Actually we predicted this from early on,” Hanafiah said.



“This was based on the statistics of what has happened throughout the Games.

“We began preparing early on from a year ago as short term planning will not do for such Games.

“So, once we had come up with a detailed plan, we already knew which sports needed focus and emphasis, and it bore fruit.”

Third place went to Politeknik Malaysia who bagged 27 gold, 17 silver and 27 bronze. **Sukhairi Thani**