

SPECIAL REPORT

A BURNING QUESTION BY SUN

SSTMI headmaster asks should sport schools be blamed for athletes' failures

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THE successes of athletes depend on their own commitment, and how they want to project themselves towards their goals.

And if they fail at school level, is the school to be blamed?

This was the question posed by Tunku Mahkota Ismail Sports School (SSTMI) headmaster Suhaimi Sun, adding that they always make sure their students get the best to excel in studies as well as sport.

Suhaimi said the clear evidence is that 48 out of 51 pre-university

(2017-2018 session) students made it to local universities.

"There are many sports school athletes who qualified to study in various disciplines in universities, including Aerospace Engineering.

"Right from the inauguration of SSTMI, we have emphasised on education because we want our students to have a good future.

"So, who is to be blamed for failures? We give them our best but if they do not utilise the opportunities provided to make sure they succeed, who is to be blamed?" questioned Suhaimi.

Suhaimi said sports schools these days not only emphasise on sports, but academic as well as the

overall well being of a student.

"Studies and sports need to go hand-in-hand. Many SSTMI students have managed to excel in both.

"Take the under-18 Hockey 5s team who won gold recently at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires. Eight out of the nine players are from SSTMI. Two of them will sit for SPM and six are pre-university students," said Suhaimi.

"So, it's not right to blame the school squarely for the failure of their students, as we always provide the best for everybody. Out of the 2,000 students, some will fall by the wayside because they were not smart enough to carry themselves towards their goals."



Suhaimi Sun