

UCSI earn praise

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THE Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, Datuk Liow Tiong Lai, was full of praise for the University College Sedaya International's (UCSI) efforts in hosting the inaugural UCSI Merdeka Open Sports Carnival.

A total of 12 institutions of higher learning are competing in five sports, namely basketball, volleyball, table-tennis, futsal and badminton from Sept.13-30.

Tiong Lai in his keynote address at the launch ceremony said that the sports carnival is significant because it fostered the spirit of resilience, healthy competition and fairplay.

He added: "We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of our independence. This sports carnival forms the basis of our

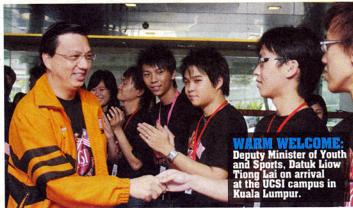
aspirations and vision to consolidate and strengthen the people physically, spiritually and intellectually. Above all the spirit of unity prevail.

"This sports carnival has attracted an encouraging number of institutions of higher learning and leaves an indelible mark on the annals of the UCSI. At the same time it will further enhance human capital development."

The opening ceremony started with the singing of the national anthem followed by stage performances by UCSI students.

The highlight of the ceremony to launch of the UCSI Merdeka Sports Open came via special delivery.

UCSI's star basketball player, Massi Godswill danced away to execute a 'slam dunk' to the delight of the audience.



WARM WELCOME:
Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, Datuk Liow Tiong Lai on arrival at the UCSI campus in Kuala Lumpur.