

## **Sabah Ports host ASEAN Ports Association Malaysia Futsal Championship**

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Sabah Ports Authority (SPA) and Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd (SPSB) jointly organized the ASEAN Ports Association Malaysia Futsal Championship 2018 on 15 – 16 December 2018 at Borneo Sports Arena, Kota Kinabalu.

12 teams across Malaysia participated in the championship which saw attendance by 150 players and officials representing seaports in Malaysia.

Johor Port Berhad emerged as champion, while Kuantan Port Consortium secured second place. Both Penang Port Sendirian Berhad and Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd came in at a joint 3<sup>rd</sup> placing.

Other participating ports included Port Klang Authority, Kuantan Port Authority, Johor Port Authority, Kuching Port Authority, Bintulu Port Authority, Rajang Port Authority, Bintulu Port Holdings Berhad and Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd.

The tournament is a prelude to the main ASEAN Ports Association (APA) triennial sports meet to be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia in September 2019. Participating countries will send in a national contingent to compete in futsal, badminton, table tennis, mini marathon, golf, lawn tennis and bowling.

APA Malaysia is a recognised body under the purview of the Ministry of Transport, Malaysia as well as a sub chapter of the main ASEAN Ports Association (APA). Currently APA Malaysia has 17 members consisting of Malaysian port operators and authorities.

APA Malaysia has been instrumental in highlighting the interest of Malaysian port operators and authorities at the ASEAN level as well as encouraging interaction among port employees. The regional cooperation has provided an effective platform for information exchange especially concerning issues and developments affecting ASEAN ports.