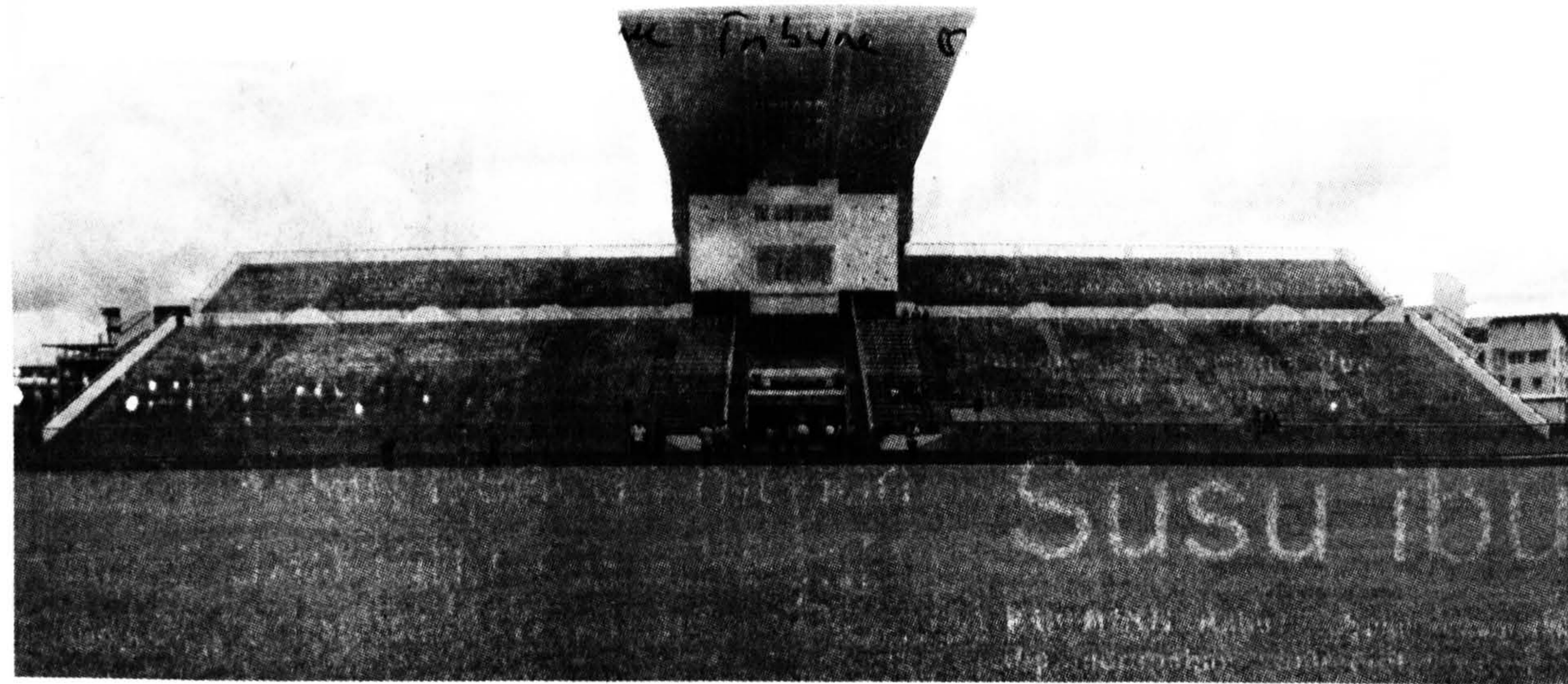


Tajuk : New varsity sports complex to boost standard of sports



THE world standard UNIMAS Stadium.

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KUCHING: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) has added another world class facility on its campus with its new multi-million ringgit UNIMAS Sports Complex.

UNIMAS Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, Associate Professor Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman said the new sports complex, costing RM43 million, it is expected to boost the standard of sports in the country.

Construction of the sports complex was fully supported by the federal government and the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), he said, adding that the project started four years ago (in 2008) and was

completed early this year.

"This new sports complex is a starting point to make UNIMAS a world-class university," he said after receiving the key for the new complex at a handing over ceremony at UNIMAS campus yesterday.

Fadzil said UNIMAS had been selected to host several major sports tournaments this year. One such tournament is the national and international championships of the Malaysian Universities Sports Council (Phase 1) in April.

Besides that, UNIMAS will also host the 'Sukan Bomba Malaysia' in July and the 'Staff of Higher Learning Institutions Sports Championship (IHL)' Borneo in October.

"The IHL Championship plays an important role in promoting students' interest and talent in sports and is capable of unearthing potential athletes," he said.

Fadzil said sporting events organised by the university could produce talent athletes in various sports, adding that at the recent SEA Games where Malaysia won 41 gold medals, university students played a major part in the nation's success.

"About 50 per cent of the gold medals won at the SEA Games last year were won by university students. This shows that the IHL championship can produce students who not only excel academically, but also in sports," he said.



ASSOCIATE Professor Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman (third right) receives the mock key from Negajaya Construction Managing Director Dynna cattalina. Looking on (from right) are UNIMAS Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Dr Peter Songan, Development Director Humphrey Rayang Janang, Sports and Recreation Unit Head Zambari Bajjuri, and Education and Innovation Director Professor Dr Mustafa Abdul Rahman.



ELIZABETH (fifth right) hands over a souvenir to Dennis (fourth left) while others look on.