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DIFFERENT YET CAPABLE: THE ABILITY OF PHYSICALLY-CHALLENGED STUDENT SHOWN IN PETANQUE

USM, PENANG, 21 March 2016 - Having had cerebral palsy since 16, a USM student is unperturbed by the challenge ahead of him and was able to win the medals when given the chance to represent USM in petanque competitions.

Yeow Ting Fong, 24, from the School of Social Sciences stated that, "I represented USM in MASUM, SUKIPT and the IPT League. I had won two gold medals in SUKAD and I was also the winner of a bronze medal in Paralympiad 2012."

As a person who loves sports, Yeow occupied his spare time by practising at the USM petanque court, "I enjoyed the facilities in USM, which are user-friendly for students with disabilities," said Yeow.

Yeow further stated that, USM does not solely provide opportunities for excellence in academics, but students are also encouraged to perform well in co-curricular activities, with chances offered to students including those with disabilities to rise to the challenges.

Yeow felt that the training provided by the petanque team manager had instilled in him the right attitude and skills to succeed in the game of petanque.

"Being accepted as someone of equal ability and being given the chance to succeed is the most meaningful experience in my life at USM," he added.

Striving along with the dream of serving the nation, Yeow has decided to secure a job in the civil service. He believes the strong reputation of USM will prepare him well for the future.

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