TEAM spirit and passion for sports shone through during the recent NUMed Games 2020, which brought together more than 600 students from different universities across the country to showcase their university pride through their skills.

Loud cheers and applause could be heard throughout the stadium, cheering on the students representing their respective universities, as these participants went head-to-head with their peers in their bid to win titles and achieve victory in games including volleyball, futsal, badminton, athletics, basketball, table tennis, netball, swimming, frisbee and tug of war.

The success of the NUMed Games, aside from active participation of students from various universities, was also due to the availability of the extensive sports facilities at the EduCity Sports
Complex in Johor, which is where the competition takes place annually.

The complex encompasses an arena and pitches for field sports and athletics, an indoor arena and facilities for badminton and netball, a gymnasium and a 50m swimming pool.

NUMed Games, organised by Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia, reflects the university’s vision of providing a wholesome educational experience to its students.

NUMed Student Association president Kuhaneswar J Ravichandran said that the event serves as a platform for students to take their passion in sports to a higher level, motivating them to work together towards a common goal and foster bonds between students from diverse backgrounds.

He said, "The participants look forward to playing against other universities, while the rest come as supporters and enjoy the comradeship with others in the team.

"The NUMed Games ultimately encourage students to become active outside the classroom and challenge them to find a balance between their social life and studies."

The NUMed Games 2020 saw the participation of students from 15 universities, including Asia Metropolitan University, University Kuala Lumpur Malaysian Institute of Industrial Technology, Monash University Malaysia, Melaka Manipal Medical College, MDIS Malaysia, Sunway College JB, Raffles University Iskandar, Heriot-Watt University Malaysia, AIMST University, Perdana University, Southern University College, University of Reading Malaysia, University of Nottingham Malaysia, International Medical University and University of Southampton Malaysia.

The highly anticipated event - now in its seventh edition - is part of NUMed’s continued commitment to providing a holistic education experience and creating a thriving avenue for students to make the most of their educational journey. This is in order to enable them to excel not only in academic pursuits, but also flourish in a vibrant mix of social, sporting and cultural offerings.

The NUMed Games, introduced in 2014, has grown from an initial 80 participants in various sports events at the inaugural event to more than 600 students from 15 different universities.

Established in 2009, NUMed draws on the legacy of Newcastle University in the United Kingdom. Since its inception in 1834 as a medical school, the institution has consistently been at the forefront of research and teaching, and its reputation has been externally confirmed to be of the highest international quality.

To find out more about NUMed’s programmes, excellent facilities and student life, log on to https://www.ncl.ac.uk/numed/.