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Malaysian Insider: AmBank boss launches Azman Hashim sports arena at USM

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(From left) USM pro-chancellor Tan Sri Datuk Mustafa Mansur, founder and chairman of AmBank Group Tan Sri Azman Hashim, and USM vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Omar Osman kicking the futsal balls to mark the opening of the Azman Hashim USM Sports Arena. – Pic supplied, November 27, 2015.

Founder and chairman of AmBank Group, Tan Sri Azman Hashim, officially unveiled the Azman Hashim USM Sports Arena at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in Penang recently.

The sports arena is a contribution by the Azman Hashim Foundation.

"The arena will benefit and meet the needs of a large community, both students and staff and also members of the public from the neighbouring areas for their recreational needs," said Azman.

Also present at the launch of the multipurpose building was USM vice-chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Omar Osman.

The Azman Hashim USM Sports Arena is divided into four main functional spaces – retail and office space; USM humanity development office; a multipurpose hall and an executive gymnasium.

The built-up area of the whole building is approximately 54,880 sq ft and the arena can be used for multiple international and local sporting events.

It can be used as either three futsal courts, three volleyball courts, three basketball courts or 14 badminton courts.

The arena is fully fitted with LED lighting, the first of its kind in Penang.

Yayasan Azman Hashim primarily focuses on sustainable development including improving education, welfare as well as to alleviate human suffering.

The foundation has also made contributions to various charitable and educational projects including funding the construction of a RM7 million building complex for International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Selangor.

It also funded the construction of the RM25 million Bangunan Azman Hashim in University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, and the construction of the RM15 million Azman Hashim UMS Gallery in Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). – November 27, 2015.