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A tussle for the top spot

BLUE house prevented overall champions Green from registering a perfect finish in the Beaconhouse Sri Inai annual sports day at the Panasonic Stadium in Shah Alam last Saturday.

After chalking up an unassailable lead in the standings, Green came from 1-0 down in the tug-of-war final to stretch the encounter decided over best of three pulls down to the wire.

Blue accumulated a total of 912 points in settling for third overall proved to be the more superior side in the decisive tussle for the physical supremacy.



Final push: Blue prevailing in the decider in the tug-of-war final.

Even with the defeat, Green collected 998 points to stay at the top of the table while Yellow were the overall runners-up with 970 points. Red came in fourth scoring 765 points.

In the 4x100m relays, Green extended their lead winning three of the eight categories with their quartets crossing the line for the top spot on the podium in the boys' and girls' Under-15 as well as the boys' Under-18 races.

Meanwhile, another private education institution Sri Kuala Lumpur based in

Subang Jaya were too strong in the head-on challenge and stamped their mark with runaway victories against hosts in both the boys' and girls' 4x100m invitation relays.

Beaconhouse Malaysia resident director Zarina Mobarak said the athletics meet was an important annual occasion on their calendar for the school with an enrolment of more than 700 children comprising primary pupils and secondary students from Year One to Form Five.



Best in their age-group: Setiawan (right) of Blue and Chantelle Megan Wong from Green were the top performers in the Under-15 section.

“Although they are not exceptional athletes, it is important that we continue to provide them with the opportunities to take in various events. Our aim is to groom well-rounded individuals with respectable character through their participation in healthy pursuits,” she added.

However, Enricko Setiawan of Blue was in record-breaking form renewing two new meet records in the boys’ Under-15 100m and 200m sprints.

En route to bagging the top performer award in his age group, Setiawan clocked 12.43s in the 100m followed by a 26.32s effort in the 200m.

The previous record holders of the 100m and 200m were Foo Brian Lu (12.86s) and Nicholas John Lee (26.89s) respectively. Both marks were set in 2003.