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Madius (back row, fifth from left) with the winners and participants of the chess competition.

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KOTA KINABALU: Six hundred players from all over Sabah contested in the SESB-SCA Chess Fiesta 2023 at Wisma SESB here recently.

The competition was organised by Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) with the help of Sabah Chess Association (SCA) which involved 54 teams from various government departments and agencies, the private sector and school students including special students (OKU).

The contest from September 15 comprised three categories which were individual, teams and under 20 years old.

The closing ceremony on September 17 was officiated by SESB chairman Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau.

Also present were SESB Chief Executive Officer Mohd Yaakob Jaafar and SCA President Muammar Julkarnain.

Madius said the contest was held for the first time by SESB in conjunction with the company's 25th Silver Jubilee celebration this year.

Coming first in the individual category was Masrin Erowan winning RM1000 in cash, followed by Abdul Sahim Wising who won RM750 in cash and Roslye Abdul Dahi, who brought home RM500 cash.

In the group category, Arena Minda Allstars was first (RM1500), followed by Semporna Dragon Warriors (RM1000) and Man Of Steel (RM500).

Aliff Azali was the champion in the Under-20 category, bringing home RM300 cash, followed by Muhd Haikal Syafwan Hajan (RM200) and Chong Yu Ken (RM100).