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New system set to groom local coaches

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THE inventive ability of BA of Malaysia (BAM) director of coaching Morten Frost came into practise in September last year as the national team adopted a new training system which looks effective in many ways.

The national team have been divided into several groups with a combination of senior and back-up squad players.

Each group will be guided by a seperate coach.

That does not mean that the chief coach's burden will be reduced as Frost will draw the overall training programme and he is in charge of the men's singles Group 2.

According to Frost, the system will help prepare the local coaches for the future.

"I'm not going to be here forever. The local coaches will be groomed to take over the helm when I leave after serving my contract," said Frost.

His four year contract ends in the year 2000.

There are four local coaches in the national team.

Kwan Yoke Meng and Koay Kar Lin are with the men while Rina Tan and Suffian Abu Bakar are in charge of the women's team.

Frost has increased the emphasis on matchplay which is the norm in the European style of training.

Men's singles Group 1: Ong Ewe Hock, Foo Yoon Keang, Siew Yan Wai, Yeoh Kai Bin. Coach: Kwan Yoke Meng.

Group 2: P Kantharoopan, Wong Choong Hann, Jason Wong, Mahathir Mustafa, Lee Tsuen Seng, Allan Tai, Ramesh Nathan; Coach: Morten Frost.

Group 3: Yong Hock Kin, Ng Kean Kok, Yap Yong Jyen, James Chua, Lo Ah Heng, Wong Ewe Mun. Coach: Chen Changjie.

Men's doubles Group 1: Cheah Soon Kit, Yap Kim Hock, Lee Wan Wah, Choong Tan Fook; Coach: Chen Kang.

Group 2: Chew Choon Eng, Lee Chee Leong, Tan Kim Her, Rosman Razak, Chang Kim Wai, Khoo Kok Kheng, Chan Chong Ming, Jeremy Gan. Coach: Koay Kar Lin.

Women: Ishwari Boopathy, Law Pei Pei, Lee Yin Yin, Lee Winnie, Woon Sze Mei, Wong Miew Kheng, Lim Pek Siah, Chor Hooi Yee, Joanne Quay, Norashikin Amin, Norfhara Idayu. Coaches: Rina Tan, Sufian Abu Bakar.

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