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SRAM to submit report next week

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THE SRA of Malaysia (SRAM) lived up to the expectations of being one of the most effective sports associations as it has already prepared the annual review and evaluation of the national players, and will submit the report to the National Sports Council (NSC) next week.

SRAM executive director Kol (Rtd) Wong Ah Jit said that the annual review will be submitted as requested by the NSC after a discussion with the Project 2006 programme chairman Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir in the next few days.

"The report was completed some time ago and we will meet the NSC officials as soon as we meet Datuk Mokhzani," said Wong.

"We have kept our record straight with NSC so far and I don't foresee any problems in working together with them in the future."

NSC director of international preparations Ahmad Shapawi Ismail requested for a frank evaluation on the performance of the players and indicated that the approval of Azlan Iskandar to train under Neil Harvey in Chingford, London next year will depend on the report.

However, Wong is confident that Azlan will receive the support as NSC director general Datuk Mazlan Ahmad is keen on helping Azlan to be successful in his professional career.

"Azlan is on the rise and has the potential to become one of the top professionals in the next few years.

"I am confident that NSC will give him all the support he needs and I reckon the effort will not be wasted.

"Even Ong Beng Hee struggled early in his professional career but look at him now. Azlan should be given another three years and he will be among the top players."

Azlan held discussions with Harvey in London last week and the Englishman has given his blessings for the 19-year-old professional to join his stable.

Harvey was instrumental in moulding Peter Nicol of England into a world champion and Ong greatly benefitted under the Englishman.

Azlan is all fired up to join Ong at Harvey's training camp and it remains to be seen if Azlan can achieve his dreams of becoming a top professional.

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