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SRAM TARGETING TO BE AMONG TOP EIGHT IN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- In the absence of star players, the Squash Racquet Association of Malaysia (SRAM) is only targeting to be among the top eight in the World Men's Junior Squash Championship in Chennai, India early next month.

SRAM president Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir said the top eight target would include the individual and team categories.

"I will be happy if our team finish among the top eight for the individual as well as the team categories," he said after presenting the Jalur Gemilang to the national squad, who will be participating in the championship from Dec 3 to 14, here today.

The squad, under the guidance of coach Allan McCulloch, comprise Timothy Arnold, Wong Kim Lee, Mohd Nafzahizam Mohd Adnan, Mohd Shahril Shahidan, Mohd Nafiizwan Mohd Adnan and Kapil Nesan.

In the team event, the national squad will join Pakistan, Switzerland and New Zealand in Group C.

The other teams are England, Canada, Mexico, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Wales, the United States, Ireland, Australia, Holland, Scotland and India.

National number one, Ong Beng Hee emerged as champion in the tournament in 1998.

In 1994, Kenneth Low ended among the top 16 players while Mohd Azlan Iskandar managed to proceed to the quarterfinals in the championship two years ago.

Meanwhile, Mokhzani said the annual general meeting of the association would be held on Dec 22.

Among the main items on the agenda were the association's future plans as there were some affiliated members who were not active earlier, he said.

"I don't want to disclose which states are not active but if we look at it (whether in terms of churning out players or organising competitions), only Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Selangor and Sarawak (are active)," he said.

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