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SRAM ACCEPTS MANIAM'S RESIGNATION

KUALA LUMPUR, April 4 (Bernama) -- The Squash Rackets Association of Malaysia (SRAM) has accepted the resignation of its director of coaching and national chief coach Major (Rtd) S. Maniam.

Maniam will take up the post of director of coaching with the Asian Squash Federation (ASF) and also as a squash consultant to the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI).

SRAM executive director Lt Col (Rtd) Wong Ah Jit said the association, in its monthly management committee meeting here today, had accepted Maniam's resignation.

"We had our monthly management committee meeting today chaired by the acting president Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir with the National Sports Council Director of International Division Ahmad Shapawi Ismail in attendance.

"One of the issues discussed was Major (Rtd) S. Maniam's resignation from SRAM as the director of coaching and national chief coach. After some deliberation, the management committee accepted his resignation," Wong said in a statement here today.

He said Mokhzani expressed the association's profound gratitude for all the years of service put in by Maniam, which had successfully propelled Malaysian squash to greater heights in the international squash arena.

Maniam has served the Malaysian Armed Forces for 20 faithful years and another 15 successful years with SRAM.

Wong said Maniam's appointment with the ASF was timely as squash would be aggressively lobbied to be included in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

"The immediate task for him in the ASF will be to develop squash in China with the support of Hong Kong Squash. SRAM will be looking out for a replacement," he said.

Maniam will be leaving for his new home in Chennai, India on May 20.

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