

## REPORT FEBRUARY 2010 MALAYSIA



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I had a meeting with Mr Dzuill and Captain Subra on the first of my arrival. The topics we were talking about :

### **1. SEA Championships 2010 and SEA Games 2011**

The dead-line given by ACC was 31st of March for the organisation of the event. But, it seems that the possibility of a delay is thinkable.\*

I suggested the idea of introducing Slalom in the range of the events. The SEA Chpts might held in Putrajaya and there's a suitable place for a Slalom competition (even with an appropriated format. Therefore, as MASCA has used to organize successful Slalom competition there for the annual "Kanu Karnival", the management and organization of Slalom event will not be exhausted job. There are more and more experienced people about Slalom events requirements and duties, the place is easy access and easy out-fitting.

It is the very intermediate step towards SEA Games 2011

### **2. SEA Games 2011**

This event will be the major point for Slalom in SEA Games. Therefore, MASCA, as a nation with good potential of medals in Slalom, might be able to find some funds for all the next actions

As UPSI has planned Slalom actions (training camps) until December 2010, it will be fruitful to have a cooperation MASCA/UPSI.

The target of SUKMA 2010 pushes the athletes to practice mainly FWR. On the other hand, some paddlers from MASCA wish to dedicate their training time to Slalom and good "reservoir" of paddlers could also be found among UPSI students.

In the aim of performance for SEA Games 2011 and Slalom development in MAS, I reckon this cooperation as a perfect opportunity.

### **3. CSL Camp in China April/may 2010**

MASCA is willing to send only one athlete (I recommended C1 Talent) and one team leader. But, Mr Dzuill is still trying to get funds from sports authorities to support the expenses.

My suggestion is to gather the training camps in UPSI, some others organized under MASCA Slalom Chair and ICF actions to keep up and improve the level of MAS paddlers.

## **B. Projects with UPSI**

### **1. Place of the camp**

As I noticed, the Slalom place in Tanjung Malim is not world class one, but perfect for the development of necessary skills for all level of paddlers.

I suggested Mr Zakarias to plan also camps as much as possible in Sunkai (grad 2/3) venue.



## **2. About the camp**

It gathered 11 paddlers (3 from MASCA and 8 from UPSI).

My targets were to introduce basics of Slalom for D-gates and U-gates. The main work was about technical skills. We also used the video as feedback.

## **3. Cooperation inter-uni**

For the first time, Mr Zakarias invited a canoeing section of the university Sultan Azlan Shah Polytechnics (PSAS). There were 11 boys, 9 girls.

Their referent is Mr. Ahmad Fauzi Hashim who participated in ICF slalom course December 2008, he's in charge of a canoeing and Slalom section in his university.

This clinic was a first introduction to Slalom lead by Mr Zakarias.

I encourage strongly this kind of cooperation. We all know that universities could be a very strong support in terms of funds, activity and people in order to develop Slalom.



#### **4. Slalom section of UPSI**

It is the first I worked with Akmal (now Slalom coach for UPSI). I gave some suggestions to Mr Zakarias and Akmal:

- Settle a planning of weekly training sessions according the availability of the students
- Get the authorization of permanent Slalom place where the camp was held.
- Set up more cables, about 20. There's room enough to do it.
- Develop a time to introduce canoeing activity towards Slalom practicing for the kids who are living around. I noticed that as now the Slalom venue is in the city, people use to stop and kids come to see the paddlers. One of the commitments of Akmal might be to set up a "paddling school" (1 or 2 hours a week for those kids)

