

> TABLE TENNIS ■ MALAYSIAN LEAGUE

Shakirin the only big name out

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NATIONAL champion Mohd Shakirin Ibrahim will not feature in this year's Malaysian Table-Tennis League which starts with the first leg on May 5-6 in Seremban, Negri Sembilan.

Shakirin, who became the first non-Chinese to win the national title last year, is currently in Zheng Ding, China for a training stint with other national players.

The league however, will have 10-time national women's champion Beh Lee Wei,

former national players Chan Koon Wah and Choo Sim Guan, and a few from the national and back-up squads to spice up the competition.

This year's league has attracted 16 teams including three from Singapore — SAFRA, Sunsports White and Sunsports Red.

The second leg will be held in Selangor on June 23-24 and the third in Klang, Johor on Aug 4-5. The top eight teams will then play in the grand final at the Wisma OCM Indoor Arena, Kuala Lumpur on Sept 8-9.

This year's overall champions take home RM12,000, an increase of RM2,000 from

last year.

The draw for the teams was done yesterday at the Table Tennis Association of Malaysia (TTAM) office by TTAM General Manager, Chen Fook Yen.

GROUP A: SAFRA (Singapore), Prompton Enterprise, Malaka Training centre, Petaling District Ping Pong Association GROUP B: INTLUC, Sunsports White (Singapore), Ezfly, Tecno Water GROUP C: Sunsports Red (Singapore), Redang Bay Resort, Johor Sukma Team, STTA Training Centre GROUP D: DC Hydraulics, Penang Sukma Team, Arox Lubricants, Budi I.S

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