

# Double mission

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## Hendrawan has work cut out in Special Project squad



**It's like this:** Coach Hendrawan giving instructions to Soo Teck Zhi in the match against K. Yogendran at the National Championships in Perak yesterday. Teck Zhi lost 16-21, 21-16, 21-23. — Bernama

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**ULU KINTA:** Singles chief coach Hendrawan aims to accomplish two missions with the Special Project badminton squad.

The Indonesian's first target is to help Lee Chong Wei nail the elusive men's singles title at the World Championships in Scotland in August.

And the other is to raise the standard of shuttlers Iskandar Zulkarnain Zainuddin, Chong Yee Han, Soong Joo Ven, Soo Teck Zhi and Lim Chi Wing.

Hendrawan was given the mandate to helm the Special Project at the Badminton Association of Malaysia's (BAM) coaching and training committee (CNT) meeting on Tuesday.

The project was formed following the feud on training matters between Chong Wei and BAM technical director Morten Frost.

Hendrawan is only answerable to the CNT, headed by BAM deputy president Datuk Seri Norza Zakaria.

Indra Wijaya, also an Indonesian, handles the other singles players and will report to Frost.

"I'll continue to prepare Chong Wei for the world meet as I've faithfully done before.

"My additional task is to focus on the other players. They'd better change their attitude in training," said Hendrawan.

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"I can't keep an eye on them for 24 hours ... I'm not their security guard. They must help themselves too.

"Our back-up players have not stepped up. Malaysian singles is in this sorry state because the players are not mature.

"I've told the current group that if they don't buck up, they'll be another lost generation of players. They need to change their characters.

"Joo Ven, Teck Zhi and Chi Wing are still young ... they need to put in the extra hard work and learn from Chong Wei."

Former world champion Hendrawan added that he would continue to maintain a good rapport with Frost.

"This team is not totally cut off from Frost. I'll liaise with him as we're all in one team."