



The **national sepak takraw squad** training in Palembang ahead of the Asean University Games. Malaysia face Thailand and Myanmar in the team event today. Pic by Hasriyasyah Sabudin

ASEAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

Shin Yii hoping for a breakthrough

THE past two seasons have been tough for wushu exponent Ng Shin Yii but she will be hoping to find some form of consolation with a breakthrough performance at the Asean University Games (AUG) in Palembang.

The Sea Games silver medallist, who is the nation's main hope for gold at the AUG, said she will have to rise to the occasion to deliver the goods as she is anticipating a strong fight for the taijiquan title.

Shin Yii will face a familiar foe in the form of world champion Lindswell Kwok of Indonesia. The wushu competition starts tomorrow.

"I finished second to Lindswell at the Laos games two years ago so

winning it this time is the goal for me," said the 25-year-old.

"I know it will not be easy as I do not only expect Lindswell to be strong but also her teammates as they also have the quality and the advantage of competing on home ground.

"I missed out on a medal at the Incheon Asian Games by only 0.05 points which was quite disappointing.

"However, I feel I am well prepared for this competition and will try my best to get the result for Malaysia."

The Universiti Putra Malaysia finance student has been under pressure to replicate the success of three-time world champion Chai Fong

Ying who retired last year as she competes in the same discipline.

Despite winning a silver at the 2009 World Championships, she was the only Malaysian that did not win a medal at the World Meet in Kuala Lumpur last season and also ended the Asiad empty handed.

Shin Yii will also compete in the duilian event at the AUG alongside Sea Games gold medallist Phoon Eyin.

Malaysia will kick off its AUG campaign today. The national team will play Timor Leste in the group phase of the football competition while the sepak takraw squad will face Thailand and Myanmar (round robin) in the team event. **By Fadhli Ishak**