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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Muhammad Azrai Aizad Abu Kamal, this year's Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) top scorer, welcomes the presence of Australian outfit Territory Stingers when they make their debut in next year's MHL season.

The Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) forward, who scored 32 goals this season, said he has no fear of the Australian side and prefers to focus on helping his team retain the MHL crown.

"I have never faced the Territory Stingers before and I also do not know any of their players. But I believe that we have just as many good players. My focus, and that of my team, is to help TNB achieve their target and, hopefully, we can be as successful as before," he told reporters after the ceremony to introduce the Mizuno ambassadors here yesterday.

At the ceremony, the Japanese sports equipment manufacturer also announced his teammate, Shello Silverous and nine others as its brand ambassadors.

The nine are Ahmad Luth Hamizan (athletics); Nicholas Fung (golf); Shaqem Eiman Shahyar (badminton); and footballers Daniel Ting, Dominic Tan, Afiq Fazail, Feroz Baharudin, Shahrul Nizam Ros Hasni and Azam Azmi Murad. The 2025 MHL season will be from Jan 4 to Feb 22. Besides the Territory Stingers, China's Liaoning will be also competing next season.

Meanwhile, Mizuno country manager Darren Wong said the collaboration with these national athletes is made through the 'The Next Chapter' initiative that represents the company's commitment towards sports development in Malaysia.

"Our focus is to support the country's elite athletes while contributing to their outstanding achievements. Our deep understanding of athletes' needs, coupled with Mizuno's global innovations, gives us a unique advantage to enhance sports performance nationwide," he said.

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