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KUALA LUMPUR: Tenaga Nasional has tied up partnerships with three more sports schools for next season's Malaysian Junior Hockey League (MJHL).

With Bukit Jalil Sports School (BJSS)-Thunderbolt, SSP-MSP-Thunderbolt and Anderson-Thunderbolt on board, Tenaga now has four teams in the Under-19 league. It has been supporting double champions Tunku Mahkota Ismail Sports School (SSTMI)-Thunderbolt for the last nine years.

All the schools will feature in Division One except for Anderson-Thunderbolt, who will compete in Division Two. The league starts on Jan 15.

Nur Saiful Zaini, Tenaga's chief coach for hockey, said they would provide financial assistance to all the four teams throughout the year.

"We picked the three schools because they have a strong base in hockey. Besides providing financial aid, we will also help them out in coaching. We have former internationals under our employment and they will coach and manage the teams," said Nur Saiful, a former national skipper.

"Our objective is to help the sports schools produce a bigger pool of quality players for the national junior and senior teams," added Nur Saiful.

Tenaga has seconded ex-national defender Lailin Abu Hassan to SSTMI as assistant coach.

Mohd Amin Rahim, also a former national defender, is the assistant coach for BJSS with K. Rajan, a national junior coach from 2008 to 2009, as team manager.

Former international Mohd Azammi Adabi has been appointed as the assistant coach for SSP-MSP-Thunderbolt.

Ahmad Sayuti, a former Malaysian goalkeeper, is the team manager of Anderson-Thunderbolt with M. Kaliswaran as assistant coach.