

## What's in a design? Plenty, say the experts!

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Some call it natural science. Others prefer to think of it as mystical belief. A lot of people though dismiss it as hogwash.

One remarked that ever since the FA of Malaysia replaced the old logo, Malaysia's world ranking fell at a quicker pace.

**Our inquiring minds led us to Kerby Kuek, a Malaysian feng shui master based in Hong Kong,** and a practitioner of Nada Brahma, an ancient Indian reading system — who didn't want to be identified.

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## The Feng Shui says it all

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Maybe the FA of Malaysia need a feng shui master to chart the fortunes of the national team.

Remember what the national body's original emblem looked like? During those good old days, Malaysia won the bronze medal in the 1962 and 1974 Asian Games in Indonesia and Iran respectively.

It was in the same era that Malaysia qualified for the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich and the Moscow Olympics in 1980.

However, the emblem was modified in 1987 just before Malaysian soccer went semipro, and then fully professional.

This scribe is certainly no fortune teller but does the repositioning of the ball have something to do with the performance of our Malaysian Tigers? Some have even parodied the emblem into something more humiliating — a stripe-less Tiger with a bandaged leg — and that was even mistakenly picked up by a local broadcaster during a live telecast not too long ago.

This may be amusing to some, but it is no laughing matter.

Malaysia were knocked out prematurely in the ongoing AFF Cup after losing 3-2 to Vietnam and 3-0 to Thailand in Group B. Prior to the tournament, FAM deputy president and team manager Khairy Jamaluddin publicly declared the highlight for B.

Satianathan's charges was the regional tournament.

Malaysia's performance was also supposed to assess the capability of Khairy and Satianathan.

Yet, life goes on in the corridors of FAM. Satianathan has been given a year's extension but one wonders what a tactician can ever achieve in a year?

In fact, Satianathan has only worked with the team which competed in Phuket for about six months.

He is Malaysia's 18th national coach since 1972. The others were M. Raju, Ghani Minhat, Mohamed Che Su, M. Kuppan, Jalil Che Din, Karl Weigang, Frank Lord, Trevor Hartley, Ahmad Shafei, Ken Worden, Rahim Abdullah, Mohamad Bakar, Wan Jamak Wan Hassan, Abdul Rahman Ibrahim, Allan Harris, Bertalan Bischei and Norizan Bakar.

The highlight of Malaysia's international achievements were qualifying for the 1972 Munich Olympics when Jalil handled the national team, and when Weigang took Malaysia to the Moscow Olympics in 1980. But the Malaysian team did not go to Moscow after the country joined the United States-led boycott of the 1980 Games. We can go on talking about past glory. We can continue the blame game.

We can also continue changing our coaches like soiled diapers.

FAM president Sultan Ahmad Shah made the most reasonable and logical statement to date — that Malaysian soccer needed a complete overhaul.

FAM have taken the first positive step by admitting their mistakes. Perhaps a change of emblem may also be in order!

## THE PROBLEM IS THE OLD EMBLEM

*MAILSPORT* consulted two experts on design and its implications.

One was a Malaysian feng shui master based in Hong Kong. The other was a practitioner of Nada Brahman, an ancient Indian reading system.

We asked for their opinions on the present and old FA of Malaysia emblems and these were their thoughts:

### THE PRESENT EMBLEM



**Feng Shui**

- The Tiger represents Malaysia and Malaysians, but the letters “FA” are above the Tiger, indicating the FA do not listen to the voices of Malaysians.
- The FA will do things without control
- The words “Persatuan Bolasepak Malaysia” are at the bottom, implying that it at the end of the day the association would take full responsibility for their mistakes

### **Nada Brahman**

- The Tiger is leaping “out”, indicating serious indiscipline.
- The face of the Tiger displays anger and frustration.
- The letters “FA” are caught between two sharp objects (keris), meaning the association will be very

unsettled.

- Ball is under the belly of the Tiger — that's not how the game is played.

#### **THE ORIGINAL EMBLEM**



#### **Feng Shui**

- The letters "FA" are below the Tiger, meaning the voice of Malaysians would be heard
- The entire emblem is contained within a ring, meaning things are under control

#### **Nada Brahman**

- The two keris represent obstacles and the Tiger is leaping over them. It indicates the Tiger will surmount all hurdles to achieve great heights.
- The letters "FA" are not stifled, indicating the administration will be smooth and successful.
- The ball is at the feet of the Tiger, where it should be.