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THE first day of competition at the National Pencak Silat Championship 2008 started yesterday, with the future and young talent on the mind of Singapore Silat Federation chief executive director, Sheikh Alau'ddin.

Citing the example of local silat club Kedung Putih making their debut in a national competition, Sheik believes the sport has a future in Singapore.

“We have installed youth development programmes, but we are always looking for new talent, and even older athletes making a comeback,” he said. “Take Kedung Putih for example. They are a new club but I believe they will produce excellent silat exponents in time.”

Over 600 athletes will compete in the championship, which runs until July 13.