

New Ulu Muda MP takes his seat



NEW Ulu Muda MP Othman Abdul took his seat in the Dewan Rakyat after he was sworn in.

Encik Othman, 32, won the Ulu Muda seat in a by-election after Encik Hashim Endut resigned.

In his welcoming address, Speaker Datuk Mohamed Zahir Ismail said he hoped Encik Othman would contribute meaningfully to the Dewan Rakyat and country.

Encik Othman did not feel overawed when he took his seat as MP.

He had attended Dewan Rakyat proceedings when he was working with the National Family Planning Board in 1978.

"I am familiar with the rules after having observed proceedings in 1978," he told reporters after his first

day as an MP in the Dewan Rakyat.

But he is elated to have been elected a representative of the people. "I feel very happy to sit here as an MP and to have the chance to bring up the peoples' problems," he said.

And the problems are many, especially those in his Ulu Muda constituency.

Encik Othman has already got set his priorities — the first on his list is poverty.

He is not expecting any dramatic changes but he hopes the Government will do something for his constituents.

"Kampung boy" Othman Abdul has another mission: to visit as many kampungs as possible to get to know the people better.