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PETRONAS MAN IS NEW SIRIM CHIEF

SHAH ALAM, Aug 23 (Bernama) -- Petronas Research and Scientific Services Sdn Bhd managing director and chief executive officer Dr Mohamed Ariffin Aton will be the new chief of Sirim effective Sept 1.

His appointment was announced by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who visited the Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (Sirim) here today.

Dr Mohamed Ariffin, 51, will take office as president and the chief executive officer of a corporatised Sirim, replacing outgoing director-general Datuk Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali.

Dr Mohamed, who is a chemical engineer, was also introduced to the Sirim staff during the Prime Minister's visit.

Dr Mahathir hoped that the staff would give their cooperation to Dr Mohamed Ariffin and he also thanked Dr Ahmad Tajuddin for the progress achieved by Sirim under his stewardship.

Dr Ahmad Tajuddin, who joined Sirim in 1989, has been appointed chief executive officer of Tenaga Nasional Bhd.

Dr Mohamed Ariffin brings with him a wealth of experience from Petronas Research and Scientific Services Sdn Bhd which is the research and development arm of the national oil giant.

A former Fullbright scholar and a Phd holder in chemical engineering from the University of Leeds, he was seconded to Petronas from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in 1989.

He joined UKM as a tutor in 1972 and was responsible for setting up the engineering faculty.

Dr Mohamed Ariffin hails from Klang and studied at the Malay College between 1958 and 1964. He won an ICI scholarship to read natural science at Trinity College, Cambridge and graduated with honours with a chemical engineering degree from the University of Surrey in 1970.

He has also served as a process engineer with Esso. -- BERNAMA
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