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Tajuddin-Successor

PM TO ANNOUNCE NEW SIRIM DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON AUG 23

SHAH ALAM, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- The outgoing Director-General of the Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (Sirim), Datuk Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali said today his successor will be announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his official visit to Sirim next Friday.

"I will be the last person to hold the post of Director-General of Sirim because with the corporatisation, my successor will assume the post of president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Sirim," he told reporters after opening the Sirim- Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTD) Business Forum at the Sirim Complex, here.

Tajuddin will be taking over as Tenaga Nasional Bhd chief executive next month.

On Sirim's achievement so far, Tajuddin said there had been great success especially in getting world recognition for the certificate issued by Sirim such as the MSISO 9000.

"Malaysia is now one of the few developing nations to sit on the Technical Management Board of the ISO Council, he added.

Tajuddin said this recognition had helped the local industries that registered themselves in the certification programme to gain access to the international markets more easily.

However, he said, the biggest task that lay ahead for Sirim was technology building and human resource development.

"I am confident that my successor will be able to continue the research culture in Sirim and build up the technology and develop the human resources," he added.

On Sirim's corporatisation, he said nearly 100 per cent of the staff and officers had agreed to join the new company.

On his new post as Tenaga Nasional chief executive, Tajuddin said: "I have had discussions with my predecessor Tan Sri Ani Arope on various aspects of Tenaga Nasional so that I will be better equipped when I step into the office on Sept 1. " -- BERNAMA

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