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PUBLIC SECTOR TO FOCUS ON THREE AREAS, SAYS NEW CHIEF SECRETARY

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 17 (Bernama) -- The public sector's main focus will be to boost the quality of service, financial administration and cooperation with the private sector, says the new Chief Secretary to the Government.

Datuk Abdul Halim Ali, who took over the post from Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Hamid today, said the quality of service must be upgraded by overcoming several existing weaknesses.

The financial administration of the civil service too must be improved by checking the problems faced by certain departments, he said at a welcoming reception hosted by the staff of the Prime Minister's Department.

On the need to step up cooperation with the private sector, he said this was in line with the Malaysian Incorporated concept stressed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Abdul Halim, 53, who clocked in at 7.59 this morning, said the cooperation of all staff of the departments and agencies under him was vital for the public sector to achieve excellence.

Abdul Halim, who originates from Kedah, served as the deputy secretary-general of the Foreign Ministry for several years before taking over as secretary-general from Tan Sri Ahmad Kamil Jaafar on Aug 28.

He headed Wisma Putra for a mere 21 days before now assuming the number one post in the civil service. -- BERNAMA

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