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SARJI APPOINTED CAPAM PRESIDENT

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MALTA, April 22 (Bernama) -- Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid has been appointed president of the Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (Capam).

Ahmad Sarji, who was its vice-president, was elected at the Capam's board of directors meeting at the San Gorg Corinthia Hotel here yesterday. The meeting preceded the official opening of the Capam's second biennial conference here today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who arrived here yesterday for the four-day conference, delivered his keynote address at the conference opened by Malta Prime Minister Dr Edward Fenech-Adami.

The vice-president to the board is Dr Zola Skweyiya, South Africa's Minister of Public Service and Administration Dr Zola Skweyiya was elected vice-president while the president of the Public Service Commission of Canada Ruth Hubbard retained her position as treasurer.

Other members are E.T.S.Adriko, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Service, Uganda; Simone De Comarmond, Minister of Tourism and Transport, Seychelles Independence House; Peter Shergold, Public Service Commissioner, Public Service and Merit Protection Commission, Australia; Richard Mottram, Permanent Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence, Britain; N.R.Ranganathan, Member Secretary, Planning Commission, India; Simon Murdoch, Chief Executive, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, New Zealand; Joseph V.Tabone, Chairman, Management Systems Unit, Malta.

Immediate past president is Gordon Draper, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister, Public Administration and Public Information, Office of the Prime Minister, Trinidad and Tobago.

Ahmad Sarji will present a paper on "Providing High Quality Services " on Wednesday which will highlight some of Malaysia's endeavours to attain a high standard of excellence in the quality of public service delivery.

The conference themed "The New Public Administration: Global Challenges - Local Solutions" will focus on the common elements of change in any type of institutional reform which are organisation, people and information technology.

Capam, incepted in mid-1994, is set up for the exchange of information on the government renewal efforts of the 51 member nations, improve managerial competence and organisational excellence in government.

It also exchanges experiences on new developments and innovations in management in governments by building networks among top decision makers and administrators and provides rapid access to information on best practices in government administration. --BERNAMA

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