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Fauzi and Kamaruzaman pledge to do their best

KUANTAN, Sun. - Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman, who has been appointed Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, has described the new post as a big challenge which he will strive to overcome.

In thanking Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the appointment, he said he was happy to earn the confidence of the respected leader.

"It is an honour. But deep in my heart, there is this fear that I may not be able to perform to expectations.

"But I pledge to do my level best. I will be a good team player to achieve the aspirations of the Prime Minister and the rakyat," he said.

Fauzi, who was the Land and Co-operative Development Ministry Parliamentary Secretary prior to this, said this was in line with Islamic teachings.

"Islam has high regard for its followers whose presence within a group benefit the rest, and looks down on those causing difficulties within the group," he said.

The Kuantan MP also expressed his gratitude to Pahang Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohd Khalil Yaakob whose leadership qualities had resulted in a record number of MPs from Pahang holding posts at the Federal level.

"Seven MPs are either Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries while one of them is heading the Public Accounts Committee," he said.

Fauzi said he was also grateful to his colleagues in the Land and Co-operative Development Ministry, including Minister Datuk Osu Sukam, whose support and guidance had greatly helped him in discharging his duty as Parliamentary Secretary at the ministry.

Meanwhile, Jerantut MP Kamaruzaman Mohamed Baria, who has been appointed International Trade and Industry's Ministry Parliamentary Secretary, pledged that he would discharge his responsibilities with full commitment and dedication.

"I am looking forward to the new job," he said.

Contacted at his home in Jerantut, he thanked the Prime Minister for having confidence in him.

He also expressed his gratitude to Khalil and other State leaders for their support and guidance.

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