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Megat Junid will do well, says Abu Hassan

KUALA SELANGOR, Wed. - Former Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Abu Hassan Omar today gave his vote of confidence to Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayub as his successor.

"I am confident that with Megat Junid at the helm, the ministry will become more effective. His long experience at the Home Ministry will enable him to tackle any problem or issue successfully."

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had made the right choice in appointing Megat Junid as the Minister of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs.

Abu Hassan said Megat Junid had to bear heavy responsibility as the ministry played an important role of upholding consumer rights besides ensuring that the country's inflation rate remained low.

However, Abu Hassan said he was confident that Megat Junid would be able to carry out his responsibilities successfully and effectively, especially in enforcing various laws relating to consumers that were under the ministry's jurisdiction.

Abu Hassan said he would brief Megat Junid about his new role and responsibility and about the ministry's scope of activities after the Permatang State seat by-election tomorrow.

Abu Hassan, who is the Barisan Nasional candidate for the Permatang State by-election, has been named by the Prime Minister as the next Menteri Besar of Selangor.

On the appointment of Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali as the Deputy Home Minister, Abu Hassan said it was an apt choice as Tajol Rosli was known as a dedicated and trustworthy leader.

He said although Tajol Rosli would still be a Deputy Minister, the post as Deputy Home Minister that he would assume was very important as he would work closely with Dr Mahathir, who is also Home Minister.

Commenting on his appointment, Tajol Rosli thanked both Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and acting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for their trust in him.

Pledging to continue the good work of his predecessor, Tajol Rosli said he would report to Anwar, who is the acting Home Minister, on Monday.

"As a Deputy Home Minister, my burden of work will be the same as when I was in the Housing and Local Government Ministry, but I believe the scope of responsibility will be wider."

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