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NEW PORT KLANG GM TO BE NAMED NEXT WEEK

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 1 (Bernama) -- The Klang Port Authority (KPA) new general manager will be made known next week, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said he has "cleared the name of the candidate to replace Datuk M.Rajasingam, with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad."

However, there were a few technical problems which needed to be solved first before the announcement could be made, Dr Ling said.

"The name has to go through the promotion board and I was told to wait for another week or 10 days before making the announcement," he told reporters after attending Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman's graduation ceremony, here.

Rajasingam, who has served KPA in various positions for the last 32 years, is currently on three-months leave prior to his retirement on Nov 6.

On the setting-up of a distribution point in Iran, Dr Ling said he would chair a dialogue between the Iran Road, Land and Transport Ministry, the Malaysian Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) on Monday, regarding the matter.

"Since they (the Iran delegation) are here, we better move as fast as we can on the setting up of the distribution point," he said.

The minister said the dialogue would enable the Iranian government to know the requirements of Malaysian manufacturers and exporters, like facilities and land area, in order to facilitate smooth movement of goods.

He said Malaysian businessman would also be able to learn how to operate a distribution centre in Iran as "rules and regulations to carry out businesses between countries were not similar."

The distribution point will serve as a platform or gateway for the exports of Malaysian goods to Iran and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to allow Malaysia to set up the point in one of Iran's ports is scheduled to be signed on Aug 5. -- BERNAMA

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