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Kasitah sworn in as Senator

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam was sworn in today as a Senator following his appointment as Land and Co-operative Development Minister yesterday.

He was sworn in before Dewan Negara President Tan Sri Mohamed Yaacob at Parliament House.

Kasitah, 53, who is also Sabah Land Development Board chairman, had previously served as Land and Regional Development Minister (1990-1994) and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (1986-1990).

"I thank the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) for the appointment. I never dreamt of becoming a senator," he told reporters.

He also thanked Sabah Umno liaison committee chairman Datuk Osu Sukam for nominating him for the ministerial post.

"He (Osu) never gave me any indication that I am being recommended to the post," said Kasitah who is also Kinabalu Umno division chairman.

He said his immediate task was to ensure the success of all Government programmes and help overcome the country's economic problems.

On his ministerial appointment, Kasitah said he was confident that he would not encounter any difficulty in getting adjusted as he had previously served in the portfolio.

Kasitah is scheduled to take his oath before the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar tomorrow.

He succeeds Datuk Osu who is now Sabah Deputy Chief Minister.

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