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Mustapa-Appointment

MUSTAPA, ALI ABUL HASSAN RIGHT CHOICE - MALAY CHAMBERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- The Malay Chamber of Commerce of Malaysia today welcomed the appointments of Datuk Mustapa Mohamed as Second Finance Minister and Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan Sulaiman as Bank Negara Governor, saying they were the right choice for the job.

Its president Syed Amin Al-Jeffri said the government had selected the appropriate candidates based on their wide experience in the country's financial management system.

Their expertise would come in handy to redeem the country from the economic doldrums quickly, he said in a statement.

He also hailed the decision by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to retain Mustapa as the Entrepreneur Development Minister.

By holding the two portfolios, Mustapa would be in a better position to help small-and medium-scale entrepreneurs who had been badly-hit by the economic slowdown, he said.

Being the Second Finance Minister, Mustapa had the authority to ensure speedier disbursement of funds to Bumiputera businessmen to re-start their businesses.

In KOTA BAHARU, Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat welcomed Mustapa's appointment, saying Mustapa had proven his ability to resolve problems faced by the people.

Kelantan Umno veteran Tan Sri Hussein Ahmad said Mustapa's appointment is a recognition for his ability.

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