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Appointment-Adnan

ADNAN THANKS PM FOR ENTRUSTING HIM WITH HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY

KUANTAN, May 20 (Bernama) -- Datuk Adnan Yaakob today expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for entrusting him with the heavy responsibility of heading the Pahang Government.

"I heard the Prime Minister's announcement and I thank him for his faith in me and this is indeed a heavy responsibility," said the new Pahang Menteri Besar who succeeds Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

"God willing, I will discharge my new duties to the best of my abilities," he told reporters at Wisma Sri Pahang here.

"Changes if any to the State Executive Council will only be announced after I have taken my oath before the Sultan of Pahang at Istana Abu Bakar in Pekan on Tuesday," he said when responding to reporters' questions.

Deputy Menteri Besar Datuk Hasan Ariffin congratulated Datuk Adnan who was the senior State Executive Councillor until now.

"As Umno members we have to abide by the decisions made by the party leadership and positions in the government are decided by the head of the party the Right Honourable Prime Minister," Hasan said.

"We have to give Datuk Adnan the opportunity to form the state government and continue with the administration of the state," he said.

Datuk Adnan was born on April 18, 1950 in Bentong, Pahang. After graduating from Universiti Malaya in 1975, Adnan went to earn a Diploma in Education from the same university before taking a law course at the International Islamic University from 1984 to 1985.

He is married to Datin Junaini Kassim and they have four children.

He has wide experience in the field of education and served as State Executive Councillor for Education and Islamic Affairs.

He also taught English Language at the Sekolah Menengah Agama Pelangai, Bentong from 1969 to 1972 and also was a teacher at the Sekolah Menengah Sulaiman, Bentong, from 1977 to 1984.

Adnan was the head of the Bentong Umno Division Youth from 1982 to 1987 and has been head of the Bentong Umno Division from 1987 till now.

Adnan is a third term assemblyman of Pelangai having been first elected to the seat in 1986.

He has also served as Pahang State Executive Councillor for Housing.

Meanwhile Pahang Umno leaders congratulated Adnan on his appointment.

Maran Umno Division head Datuk Tan Aminuddin Ishak said Adnan was a man of principles and was totally loyal to Umno and the leadership.

Raub Umno Division head Datuk Shahiruddin Moin expressed confidence that Adnan would be able to continue the good work of Tan Sri Khalil in bringing development to all of Pahang.

Adnan was always firm and highly disciplined, he added.

Lipis Umno Division head Datuk Omar Othman said Adnan had the advantages and the leadership qualities to head the Pahang Government.

Pahang State Executive Councillor for Youth and Sports Datuk Wan Razali Wan Mahussin said on behalf of all youths and leaders of youth bodies in the state he congratulated Adnan on his appointment as Menteri Besar and Khalil for his elevation to the Federal Cabinet as Information Minister.

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