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A NEW RESPONSIBILITY FOR ME, SAYS AZMI

KUALA LUMPUR, May 20 (Bernama) -- Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Azmi Khalid today described his new appointment as Deputy Home Minister as a new responsibility.

"It's a new area for me," he told reporters at the Parliament lobby, here.

Azmi said he would familiarise himself with his new duties as soon as possible.

He will succeed Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh who will be promoted as Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister in a minor cabinet reshuffle announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad this morning.

He thanked the Prime Minister for the appointment.

Azmi, 58, who hails from Perlis, was appointed as Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister in May, 1997. Prior to that he was the Parliamentary Secretary in the Prime Minister's Department, a post he held since May, 1995.

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