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HISHAMMUDDIN WANTS SOLID SUPPORT FROM MINISTRY STAFF

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14 (Bernama) -- Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein wants every member of the ministry's staff to pool their resources to ensure that the ministry's objectives are achieved.

He said every member of the staff must discharge their duties with commitment and determination in facing the new millennium which is expected to be more challenging.

"As a young leader, I appeal for your support, guidance and criticism if any, but at the same time I need commitment and determination from everyone in discharging our common responsibilities," he said at a brief meeting with officers from the ministry here after the handing over of duty.

Hishammuddin, 38, was among the five deputy ministers who were promoted to full ministers in the new cabinet line-up announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Friday.

He takes over from Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin who has been appointed Minister of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs.

Hishammuddin, who is also acting Umno Youth leader, will be assisted by Deputy Minister Datuk Ong Tee Keat, who is also MCA Youth head.

When asked about the ministry's future plans, he said he needed time to have a closer look at the ministry's past, present and future programmes.

"I hope to get on the ground to seek feedback from all aspects. From these feedback I will be able to know better and plan follow-up measures," he said.

He also said that he wanted to see the community, whether young or old, to be involved in sporting activities.

Asked on the combination of two BN Youth leaders being under one roof, he said such combination was nothing new.

He said what was important now was to develop the young generation and how they could be infused with proper values.

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