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KAMALUL ARIFFIN IS NEW KEMAS DG

BUTTERWORTH, Jan 12 (Bernama) -- Datuk Kamalul Ariffin Abdul Rahim, 55, has been appointed Director-General of the Community Development Department (Kemas) replacing Zainal Karib Abdul Rahim.

The appointment of Kamalul, who is also the former Director-General of the National Sports Council (NSM), on a two-year contract effective from Monday, had the approval of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said today.

Zainal, 49, who had served Kemas for nearly four years, has been transferred to the Public Services Department (PSD).

Annuar expressed the hope that Kamalul would focus his efforts on improving the quality of service provided by Kemas and extend its out reach.

He was speaking to reporters after calling on the family of the late Chief Inspector Adli Aminuddin Haji Ariffin, who was his classmate at the Sekolah Tuanku Abdul Rahman (Star Ipoh), at Telok Ayer Tawar.

Annuar said Kemas did not propose to increase its staff strength through the creation of new posts but would only fill certain posts and at the same time extend its activities to cover a wider spectrum of society.

"We are only filling the 167 vacancies for Kemas Supervisors and the recruitment began this month. I wish to urge Kemas to focus its attention on restructuring its activities and cover a wider section of the populace," he added.

Chief Inspector Adli died five years ago of a heart attack.

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