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MAPEN DRAWS MEMBERS FROM ALL LEVELS, WALKS OF LIFE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- The Second National Economic Consultative Council (Mapen II) launched today is made up of 155 members representing Malaysians of all races, from all levels of society and from various walks of life.

Farmers and fishermen, doctors and lawyers, corporate leaders and petty traders, pensioners and student leaders -- all are represented in the council whose task is to help shape the nation's economic future.

Also in the council are representatives of political parties, minority groups such as the Sikh and Thai associations, chambers of commerce and industry, trade unions, environmental groups and women's organisations.

Professional bodies, cooperatives, youth organisations, ulamaks and even journalists also have representatives.

Thirty-seven individuals have been named to sit in the council launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

Prominent among them are Tan Sri Dr Noordin Sopiee, chairman of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji, former chief secretary to the government, Tan Sri Razali Ismail, former ambassador to the United Nations, and Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah, chairman of the Multimedia Development Corporation.

Others include Datuk Abdul Kadir Jasin, group editor-in-chief of the New Straits Times newspaper group, social activist Datuk Lee Lam Thye, consumer advocate Martin Khor and Sabah's Institute of Development Studies chairman Datuk Masidi Manjun.

Corporate figures in the council include Tan Sri William Cheng of Lion Group, Tan Sri Francis Yeoh of YTL, Tan Sri Kishu Tirathrai (Globe Silk Store), Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim (Guthrie), Ananda Krishnan (Binariang) and Datuk Maznah A. Jalil (Proton).

Among political parties, opposition Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) has two men in the council while PAS and DAP are conspicuously unrepresented. The two PBS representatives are Dr Maximus Ongkili and Dr Yee Moh Chai.

Kelantan Umno chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah heads the list of 12 Umno representatives. The others include Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Pawanteh, Datuk Dr Rais Yatim, Datuk Yahya Lampong and Abdul Azim Ahmad Zabidi.

The MCA's representation is 10 strong led by Datuk Ong Tee Keat and includes Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen, Fu Ah Kiow and Dr Tan Yee Kew.

Tan Sri Dr K.S. Nijhar and four others represent the MIC while Gerakan has Datuk Alex Lee and four more members.

Other key members of the council are Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli (National Chamber of Commerce and Industry Malaysia), Datuk Paul Low (Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers), Datuk Amirsham A. Aziz (Association of Banks), Ali Abdul Kadir (Securities Commission), Datuk Mohd Azlan Hashim (Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange) and Royal Prof Ungku A Aziz (National Cooperative Union).

Representing the workers are Senator Zainal Rampak (MTUC), Siva Subramaniam (CUEPACS), A. Narayanasamy (NUPW) and Abu Bakar Shawkat Ali (NUTP).

Datuk Charern Intachat (Thai community), Sukhveer Singh (Sikhs), Michael Banerji (Melaka Portuguese), Sikandar Batcha Abdul Majeed (Indian Muslims) and Majid Suhut (Orang Asli) represent minority groups.

Farmers and fishermen have Datuk Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman and Jamali

Haji Basri to forward their views while women have a strong representation in Prof Datuk Nik Safiah Karim (NACIWID) and Prof Datin Dr Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hassan (NCWO).

The Ulamaks Association of Malaysia has Ustaz Ahmad Awang while the Bar Council is represented by R.R. Chelvarajah.

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