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MUSA'S APPOINTMENT SETS A NEW TREND, SAYS ABIM

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 11 (Bernama) -- The appointment of former Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Vice Chancellor Tan Sri Musa Mohamad as Education Minister sets a new trend to enable the expertise of academicians and professionals who are not members of any political parties to be exploited for national interest.

Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement (Abim) president Ahmad Azam Abdul Rahman, in welcoming the appointment, hoped the new trend would be a feature in deciding the line-up of future cabinets.

He also hoped that the appointment of several young leaders would inject new ideas and bring about fresh and dynamic approach in realising the aspiration of the post-New Economic Policy which is more critical, open and global.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday announced his new cabinet line-up which saw nine new ministers including Musa and several young leaders such as acting Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, who was appointed Youth and Sports Minister.

Social activist Datuk Lee Lam Thye described the new line-up as a good combination of old and new leaders who are talented.

Perlis Umno Youth welcomed Hishammuddin's appointment and described it as proof of Dr Mahathir's trust on the younger generation in contributing to national development in the new millennium.

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