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Perak-Youths

NEW APPROACH TO BRING YOUTHS AND GOVERNMENT CLOSER, SAYS TAJOL

IPOH, Dec 15 (Bernama) -- Several new approaches will be adopted by the Perak government to forge closer rapport between the youths and the state government and assemblymen.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali said he would spend more time to improve and strengthen relationship with the youths.

Asked why emphasis was being given to the youths, he said: "According to what had been said, support for the Barisan Nasional (BN) government from the younger generation had not been encouraging, and the younger generations comprise of the youths."

He disclosed this to reporters after chairing his first Exco meeting here today.

He also said it was proven that youths who participated in youth associations were not involved in social problems unlike those who did not join any association.

Ramli said youths working in factories were also found to have been neglected and not active in any youth association and this was the reason why the state government had merged aspects on human development, youth and sports under one committee.

State Umno Youth leader Jamal Nasir Rasdi, who is also the Assemblyman for Lubok Merbau, was appointed as the State Exco for the portfolio.

Tajol also said that state Exco members were required to declare their assets two or three months after the asset declaration forms had been distributed to them.

"All asset declarations by the state Exco members will be kept by me and a copy to be given to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said.

He said asset declaration by the Exco members would begin on the day they took their oath of office and anyone holding position in any corporate bodies must resign from such posts.

Tajol said he would also submit his asset declaration form to the Prime Minister.

He also said four new Exco members would use the Proton Perdana V6 as their official car in place of the Mercedes E220.

Eventually, all Exco members would use the Proton Perdana V6 to cut cost as the Mercedes E220 being used presently were between six and eight years old and incurred a high maintenance cost.

At the same press conference, the Menteri Besar also announced the appointment of Slim Assemblyman Datuk Seri Junus Wahid as Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly and Buntong Assemblyman Yik Phooi Hong as Deputy Speaker.

With the creation of the Deputy Speaker's post, he said the state government would study whether the Assembly sitting for this term could be extended as is practised in the Dewan Rakyat.

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