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DAIM, MUSTAPA DECLINE COMMENT ON NEXT BNM GOVERNOR

KUALA LUMPUR, April 21 (Bernama) -- Finance minister Tun Daim Zainuddin today declined to name the next governor of Bank Negara Malaysia and said it was the government's prerogative in making a decision on the matter.

Daim was asked to comment on the likely candidate for the job to succeed Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan Sulaiman who would retire at the end of this month.

Daim said the candidate need not be a banker but "someone who can do the job."

"He must know banking, economy and can give good advice to me," said the finance minister after launching new logo for subsidiaries of Malayan Banking Group here today.

On the Singtel's foray into the Malaysian market, he said the government welcomed all investment.

Meanwhile, in another function, Datuk Mustapa Mohamad when asked to comment on talk that he would be the next governor, said he had nothing to say.

"The prime minister had commented on it yesterday and it is clear. I have nothing to say," said the economic advisor to the finance ministry.

He also said that he had not met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad nor Daim on the matter.

He was speaking to reporters after delivering a keynote address at the PNB International seminar on "Investment 2000: Issues and Strategies." --
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