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DOMPOK DISCUSSES HIS NEW DUTIES WITH SAKARAN

KOTA KINABALU, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Bernard Dompok today called on the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai at the Istana Negeri here to brief him on his new duties in the Federal Cabinet.

The former Sabah Chief Minister said as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department his jurisdiction covered Petronas and the national petroleum industry, the Public Services Department, the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, the Public Services Commission, the Election Commission, Statistics Department, Audit Department, part of the Economic Planning Unit and the rescue team, SMART.

"Although the Election Commission is an independent body it still requires the cooperation of the government machinery to facilitate its operations," Dompok said after his meeting with Sakaran.

"The duties entrusted to me by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad are wide ranging and challenging and he has given the opportunity to a Sabah leader to play an important role in the Malaysian government administration," he said.

On his talks with the Yang Dipertua Negeri, he said apart from his duties, they also discussed Sabah's development and the Federal Government's commitment in this respect.

"Sabah has an important role to play in the government's efforts to develop Malaysia as a whole. Sabah has much land which can be put to beneficial use," Dompok said.

Replying to a question, Dompok who is President of the United Pasok Momogun Kadazandusun Organisation (Upko), said the Kadazandusun and Murut communities in Sabah could now look forward with more confidence in view of their strong representation in the government.

"The Kadazandusun and Murut communities can enter the new millennium with more confidence along with the other communities in Malaysia and seek greater progress," he said.

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