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Dr Mohd Khir pledges to do his best

KLANG, Fri. - Dr Mohd Khir Toyo was greeted by an endless stream of visitors at his home in Sekinchan last night, shortly after he was announced as the new Selangor Menteri Besar.

The Sungai Panjang Assemblyman who at 35 became the youngest person in Selangor to assume the post, pledged to do his best to live up to the trust and confidence placed on him by the Prime Minister.

Dr Mohd Khir, a dentist, takes over from Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar, 60, who resigned last Thursday due to health reasons after having served for three years and two months.

Dr Mohd Khir who is Umno Youth exco member and the Tanjung Karang Umno Youth chief said: "I am shocked and surprised at the appointment because there was no earlier indication whatsoever of me being in the line-up for the post."

He said journalists were the first to inform him that he had been made Menteri Besar.

Dr Mohd Khir who thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for appointing him as the 13th Menteri Besar of Selangor said he was grateful to the leadership for having confidence in him, especially in taking up an important post in a State that was rapidly developing.

"Selangor is a State that needs a dynamic, intellectual, knowledgeable and experienced person who has the capability to lead it to greater heights and to realise the visions of the government and the people," he added.

He said even though he was not accustomed to such a "big post" he was confident that he could carry out his duties with the co-operation of all the political leaders and members of the Barisan Nasional component parties, State executive councillors, senior government officers and the people.

Dr Mohd Khir, born on Aug 6, 1965 in Sekinchan is married to a nurse, Zaharah Kechik who is now a full-time housewife and they have two children Mohd Farizul Faiz, 9, and Nurul Asyikin, one.

Dr Mohd Khir who did his early schooling in Sekolah Kebangsaan Berjaya Sekinchan passed out from the Dental faculty Universiti Malaya in 1989.

He worked as a dental officer from 1989 to 1991 before opening his own dental clinic in 1991.

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