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Hishammuddin-YGB

MOKHZANI NAMED YAYASAN GERAK BAKTI CHAIRMAN

PORT DICKSON, June 23 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth assistant treasurer Mokhzani Mahathir has been appointed chairman of Yayasan Gerak Bakti (YGB), a foundation set up by the movement to eradicate poverty among the people.

Mokhzani takes over the post from the movement's chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein. The appointment takes effect today.

Mokhzani's appointment was announced by Hishammuddin after chairing the movement's executive committee meeting here today.

Hishammuddin, who is Youth and Sports Minister, said Mokhzani's appointment was agreed upon unanimously by the committee at today's meeting.

He said problems with regard to finance, accounts, companies and subsidiaries faced by the foundation earlier had been resolved.

" Now, we want to see the foundation returning to its original objectives of poverty alleviation. Poverty eradication efforts in the context of the 21st century is poverty in all aspects and not in terms of material alone," he said.

" Poverty in terms of knowledge, leadership qualities, self resilience based on religion, culture and art of parenthood. YGB's programmes and activities must be based on these aspects," he said.

He said now that the YGB's position had been rejuvenated, it was up to the new chairman and its board of trustees to be appointed to think of the direction and suitable approaches it should take.

Previously, YGB's programmes were more focused on helping the handicapped but now the approach would be adjusted according to current needs, he said.

He also said a comprehensive and integrated effort would be made to woo more youths to join the movement at all levels.

In this regard, each Umno Youth exco member would be in-charge of eight divisions, he added.

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