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PM: Azizan a good choice to head MAS

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad described the appointment of Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin as non-executive chairman of Malaysia Airlines as a good choice.

Azizan's appointment was announced by the Finance Ministry on Wednesday, together with that of Datuk Md Nor Md Yusof, who has been appointed the national carrier's new managing director, effective last Thursday.

Dr Mahathir said the appointment would not be burdensome to Azizan, who is also chairman of Petronas and president of Putrajaya Corporation, because it was a non-executive post.

Asked if Azizan's appointment meant that there was a dearth of capable people to lead the airline, Dr Mahathir said:

"A capable person may emerge in the future and we will have to wait," he said after launching the Information and Communications Technology literacy for the k-economy programme assembly at Bukit Jalil yesterday.