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SAMY VELLU HAILS ELECTION OF RAJA PERLIS AS NEW KING

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 12 (Bernama) -- MIC National President Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu today hailed the election of the Raja of Perlis Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail as Malaysia's 12th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

Samy Vellu, who is Works Minister, said the people were proud to have him as the country's new King.

"His Majesty is a caring and highly respected Ruler," he told Bernama.

Samy Vellu said as a Ruler with wide administrative experience, Malaysia would witness more development during his reign.

The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, announced the election of Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin in a statement after the meeting of the Conference of Malay Rulers at Istana Negara here today.

The meeting also re-elected Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin of Terengganu as the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

Both appointments would be for a five-year term effective tomorrow, Dr Mahathir said.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin succeeds Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah who died on Nov 21.

Meanwhile the Malaysian Youth Council (MYC) with deep respect extended its congratulations to Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin.

"The MYC deems the election of Your Majesty as a great blessing and honour to the people," MYC President Saifuddin Abdullah said in a statement.

The MYC was confident that Malaysia would achieve even more progress and prosperity in all fields of development during Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin's reign.

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