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TUN SUFFIAN FOUNDATION SET UP TO PERPETUATE THE LATE LP'S GOOD NAME

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- The Tun Suffian Foundation was set up today to perpetuate the good name of former Lord President Tun Mohamed Suffian Mohamad Hashim.

The founder of the foundation, Tunku Datuk Dr Sofiah Jewa, said it was established as a charitable foundation in keeping with the philosophies and hopes of the late Tun Suffian in upholding the integrity of the judiciary and the legal profession.

She said the foundation would be run by an 11-member board of trustees chaired by Chief Justice Tun Mohamed Dzaiddin Abdullah.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim and Tun Suffian's younger brother, Tan Sri Talha Mohamad Hashim, an engineer, are also members of the board.

However, Rais was unable to turn up for the signing ceremony of a trust deed and an agreement supplemental to the deed which took place in Mohamed Dzaiddin's chambers this morning between Tunku Sofiah, who is a close friend of the late Tun Suffian, and the other members of the board.

Tun Suffian died at the age of 83 at the home of his close friend in Petaling Jaya on Sept 26, 2000.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by Tan Sri Dr L.C.Vohrah, Judge Ad Litem of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Other members of the board are former Court of Appeal judge Datuk Shaik Daud Mohamed Ismail, Court of Appeal judge Datuk K.C.Vohrah and Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaya Prof Datuk Dr Anuar Zaini Mohamed Zain, lawyers Datuk Dr Yaacob Hussain Merican and Zaid Ibrahim, medical practitioner Dr Liew Yin Mei, chartered accountant Datuk Ahmad Johan Mohamad Raslan and Malayan Law Journal managing director Michael John Evans.

According to a statement released to Bernama, the trustees will apply to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for a certificate of registration of themselves as trustees of the foundation, as a corporate body, pursuant to section 4 of the Trustees (Incorporation) Act 1952.

Once the certificate is obtained, the foundation shall be known as "Yayasan Tun Suffian Berdaftar".

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