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Kelantan-Pledge

KELANTAN FEDERAL OFFICERS SIGN GOOD CONDUCT PLEDGE

KOTA BAHARU, Feb 26 (Bernama) -- All heads of Federal department and agency in Kelantan today signed the civil servants good conduct pledge before Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi here.

The signed pledge was later handed over to the Director-General of Public Service Department Datuk Seri Jamaluddin Ahmad Damanhuri by the Director of the Kelantan Federal Development Department Ramli Abdul Rahman.

Also present at the ceremony was the Executive Director of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

Earlier the heads of department and agency joined more than 600 Federal officers in reading out the pledge. They were led by the Kelantan Director of the Federal Youth and Sports Department Saari Salleh.

Abdullah began his one-day visit to Kelantan with a meeting with Federal Government officers at a hotel here.

Speaking at the function, Mustapa said they should be proud to be government servants as they had the opportunity to serve Islam, their race and the country.

According to him no other profession was better than serving with the government for through this they could mould the image of the Malaysian Government.

He said their profession was a noble one and for their contributions they would be rewarded in the hereafter.

"I was a government officer and till this day I receive my remuneration from the government.... never carried out any business.....I feel proud," he said.

Mustapa said he was thankful for his present post which provided him with the opportunity to help the government strengthen the national economy.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy were always concerned over issues affecting civil servants and had ensured that they received various benefits and remunerations.

Mustapa, who is Kelantan Umno Chief, said the Federal Government had never sidelined Kelantan and had instead channelled big allocations to the state for its development.

He said between October and January RM68 million had been given to Kelantan for education and infrastructure projects.

"Kelantan is the best state in the area of implementing projects and this is probably because we are loyal to the government in its efforts to bring progress to the people," he said.

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