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KHIR SEES HIS APPOINTMENT AS AN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN SELANGOR UMNO

SHAH ALAM, Jan 25 (Bernama) -- Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo regards his appointment as state Umno liaison chief as a responsibility to strengthen the party to face the next general election.

Thanking Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the appointment, he said he viewed it as an effort by the prime minister to further strengthen the party in Selangor.

He was speaking to reporters after launching the Selangor Agricultural Development Year Declaration and a seminar on the agro-based development industry, here.

Yesterdau, Dr Mahathir announced the appointment of Dr Mohamad Khir as the Selangor Umno liaison chairman, replacing Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib, who is stepping down voluntarily and who has been appointed deputy chairman.

Dr Mohamad Khir said it made no difference who held the post of chairman or deputy chairman of the Selangor Umno liaison committee because for him, what was important was the joint task to further develop Umno.

He said the Selangor Umno was now drawing up more systematic steps to achieve the goal of zero seat for the opposition in the next general election and for this, Umno must go on the offensive rather than the defensive.

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