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TENGGU ADNAN EXPRESSES SURPRISE OVER PROMOTION

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor has expressed surprise over his promotion to Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

Met at Parliament House, Tengku Adnan, the former Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, thanked the Prime Minister for his confidence in him and pledged to discharge his duties with full responsibility.

His promotion was announced by the Prime Minister yesterday.

Speaking to reporters, Tengku Adnan believed Dr Mahathir decided on his promotion after taking into account his performance as Deputy Minister.

Tengku Adnan said he had yet to receive his appointment letter and did not know his new duties in the Prime Minister's Department.

"I did not expect to be promoted and given this new responsibility. I will adopt a more people-friendly attitude like the other Umno frontline leaders," he said.

Tengku Adnan, 51, who is Umno Executive Secretary and Federal Territory Umno Chief was a businessman before entering politics in 1984.

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