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Fairuz-Chief Justice

AGONG APPOINTS AHMAD FAIRUZ AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF FEDERAL COURT

KUALA LUMPUR, March 13 (Bernama) -- The Court of Appeal President, Tan Sri Ahmad Fairuz Sheikh Abdul Halim, has been appointed Chief Justice of the Federal Court, succeeding Tun Mohamed Dzaiddin Abdullah whose term expires on Saturday.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullaill, had consented to the appointment on the advice of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad after conferring with the Conference of Rulers.

In a statement today, the Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Samsudin Osman, said Ahmad Fairuz would receive his letter of appointment from the King in a ceremony at Istana Negara on Monday.

Ahmad Fairuz was born on Nov 1, 1941 in Alor Star, Kedah and holds a LL.B (Hons) degree from University of Singapore and LL.M from University of Brussels, Belgium.

His career in the country's judicial service started when he was posted as a magistrate in Penang in 1967.

Prior to joining the judicial service, Ahmad Fairuz had served in important positions such as the Legal Adviser of Kedah/Perlis, Johor and Selangor, Official Assignee of Malaysia, Chairman of the Advisory Panel in the Prime Minister's Department and Special Commissioner of Income Tax.

Ahmad Fairuz was appointed a Judicial Commissioner in 1988 and a High Court Judge two years later.

He was promoted to Court of Appeal Judge on Dec 1, 1995, Federal Court Judge on Sept 1, 2000 and a year later as Chief Justice of Malaya.

He became Court of Appeal President on Dec 1, last year.

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