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CABINET-APPOINTMENTS

CHAN KONG CHOY NOW TRANSPORT MINISTER

PUTRAJAYA, June 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has named Datuk Chan Kong Choy as Transport Minister, taking over from Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik who has resigned.

Chan, previously the Deputy Finance Minister II, was recently chosen as Deputy President of the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), one of the component parties of the Barisan Nasional. He was formerly a lecturer at the then Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (now Universiti Putra Malaysia).

Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen, the former Deputy Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism, is now the Deputy Finance Minister II. She is also head of Wanita MCA.

Datuk Fu Ah Kiow, the former Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), has been promoted to Deputy Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism. Fu was a teacher and businessman before entering politics.

Also promoted was Datuk Donald Lim Siang Chai, the former Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, who is now the Deputy Information Minister.

Lim, the Member of Parliament for Petaling Jaya Selatan, was formerly an engineer and businessman. He is now a member of the MCA Central Committee and Deputy Chairman of Selngor MCA.

Dr Mahathir also appointed Datuk Ir. Ho Cheong Sing, the MP for Ipoh Barat, as the new Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry and the MP for Arau, Datuk Mastika Junaidah Husin, as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Women and Family Development.

Ho, an engineer, is a member of the MCA Central Committee while Mastika Junaidaha, an agriculture graduate from Universiti Malaya, is Perlis Wanita UMNO chief.

Datuk Douglas Uggah Embas, the former Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, has been named Deputy Minister of Transport while the former Deputy Minister of Housing and Local Government, Sen. Datuk M. Kayveas, is now the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

Douglas Uggah, an economics graduate from Universiti Malaya, is head of the Youth Wing of Parti Bersatu Bumiputra Sarawak (PBB) while Kayveas, a lawyer by profession, is President of the People's Progressive Party (PPP).

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