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CHONG SAYS HE KNOWS WHO WILL SUCCEED HIM AS CM

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Chong Kak Kiat said today he knew who would succeed him but the announcement would be made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman.

"We know who is going to take over but this is the prerogative of the Prime Minister who is the BN chairman," he told reporters after launching a book on the Sabah environment entitled "Water, Land, Cities, Sabah, Malaysian Borneo", here.

Chong said he had also applied for a month's leave and was awaiting approval from the Prime Minister.

To a question, he said he would serve his term as chief minister it ended on March 27.

Chong's successor reportedly would come from Umno under the state's unique system of rotating the chief minister's post among the major communities in Sabah. The term is usually for two years.

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