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DAIM CONGRATULATES DR JAMALUDDIN ON APPOINTMENT AS SECOND FINANCE MINISTER

SUNGAI PETANI, Jan 3 (Bernama) -- Tun Daim Zainuddin today congratulated Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis on his appointment as Second Finance Minister recently.

"I believe he is capable of doing the job," he said when asked to comment on the appointment of the former chairman of Tenaga Nasional Berhad (Tenaga).

Speaking to reporters at a Hari Raya get-together in Batu Hampar, Merbok near here, the former Finance Minister said Dr Jamaluddin was not his successor as Finance Minister but Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Asked on his views regarding the appointment, Daim said: "That you will have to ask the Prime Minister as he made the appointment," he said.

Furthermore, Daim said he had just returned from overseas and had not had the opportunity to meet Dr Jamaluddin.

Daim was appointed Finance Minister twice, in 1984 and 1998 but relinquished the post a year later. Since then, he was reported to have frequented Europe and Africa on business.

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