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KOH WELCOMES CABINET RESHUFFLE

PENANG, June 25 (Bernama) -- Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon today commended the minor cabinet reshuffle announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday.

In a statement released here, Dr Koh congratulated those involved in the reshuffle and wished them success towards achieving Vision 2020.

He is confident that the state government would be able to work closely with those involved in the reshuffle towards achieving economic and social development for Penang and Malaysia.

These appointments clearly reflected Dr Mahathir's principle that those who performed well for development of the country will be rewarded with more responsibilities, said Dr Koh.

"This reshuffle also shows that Dr Mahathir wants his team to strive even harder for the betterment of our people and nation. This is in line with Barisan Nasional's (BN) commitment to put priority in serving the people and nation," he said.

Yesterday Dr Mahathir named MCA deputy president Datuk Chan Kong Choy as the new Transport Minister following the resignation of Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik from his party and government posts.

The reshuffle also involved four other leaders in the MCA as well as three from the People's Progressive Party (PPP), Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) and UMNO.

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