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NORIAN HAPPY AS POLICE PROPOSALS RECEIVE GOVT'S OKAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 4 (Bernama) -- Outgoing Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai said he was happy to retire from the police force as several proposals of the Royal Malaysia Police, especially salary increase for police constables and recruitment exercise, have been approved by the government before he retired.

He said the intake of policemen is being carried out in stages.

"Approval has been given for recruitment to be carried out in stages while salary adjustment will be announced soon," he said when addressing senior officers, lower rung personnel and civilian staff in Bukit Aman in conjunction with his retirement today.

The government had approved the intake of 23,000 policemen over six years. Deputy Home Minister Datuk Chor Chee Heung said recently the government was considering increasing the basic salary of police constables from RM684 to RM804.

Norian said the trust and confidence placed by the government and the people in the police force were a challenge that must be shouldered by each and every policeman.

"It should motivate them to provide the best service," he said.

He also thanked former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for their confidence in him to lead the police force.

During his tenure as the Inspector-General of Police, Norian said he worked seriously to provide the best service to bring the force to greater heights.

"A harmonious environment must be created in the police force. Each and every policeman must have mutual respect for one another and must see the positive values in every individual," he said.

He said leaders would come and go but every policeman must continue to perform the responsibilities efficiently and must be prepared.

He expressed confidence that the force would scale greater success under the new leadership.

Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Mohd Bakri Omar will succeed Norian and will officially take over on Thursday.

Norian, 56, assumed the post on Jan 8, 1999, replacing Tan Sri Rahim Noor who resigned.

He joined the police force in 1969 as a cadet ASP and had served in the Bukit Aman CID, as Brickfields OCPD (1980), Petaling Jaya OCPD (1982), Terengganu Police Chief (1984), Bukit Aman Deputy Director of Special Branch (1990), Selangor Chief Police Officer (1992) and Deputy Inspector-General of Police (1997).

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