

Nik Mohamed made Perdana Foundation director

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TAN Sri Nik Mohamed Yaacob has been appointed executive director of the Perdana Leadership Foundation, a centre dedicated to Malaysian leadership and national development.

Incorporated in 2003, the foundation is an independent non-profit organisation committed to preserving, developing and disseminating the intellectual legacies of Malaysia's past prime ministers through research of their policies, strategies and nation building initiatives.

It also aims to promote understanding among the different races, cultures and religions of the world.

Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is the foundation's honorary president.

Nik Mohamed said he was hon-

oured by the confidence and trust of Dr Mahathir and the foundation's board of trustees in appointing him to the post.

"It is a challenging responsibility and I look forward to the task of making the foundation the premier centre of research and learning on the contributions made by all our former prime ministers toward nation building," he said in a statement yesterday.

Nik Mohamed was group chief executive and director of Sime Darby Bhd from 1993 until his retirement in June last year.

He was also chairman of the Advisory Council of the National Science Centre and the board of Universiti Teknologi Mara. He was

also a member of Insead's East Asian Council and the National Council for Scientific Research and Development.

Nik Mohamed was Malaysia's representative in the Apec Business Advisory Council and the Asia-Europe Business Forum. He is currently a director of Perbadanan Nasional Bhd and Scomi Group Bhd.

The foundation is located on a three-acre site in Putrajaya's Precinct 1 and its facilities include the Perdana Library that houses the works, speeches, policy papers and video footage of Malaysia's past prime ministers.

The complex has a 150-seat auditorium and also houses the offices of Dr Mahathir and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.