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Chan takes oath of office as Transport Minister

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Datuk Chan Kong Choy took his oath of office as the new Transport Minister before the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin at Istana Negara today.

Datuk Fu Ah Kiow and Datuk Donald Lim Siang Chai also took their oath of office as Deputy Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister, and Deputy Information Minister respectively, at the swearing-in witnessed by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman and Chief Justice Tan Sri Ahmad Fairuz Sheikh Abdul Halim.

Present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Cabinet ministers.

Chan, the newly-appointed deputy MCA president, was Deputy Finance Minister. He takes over from Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik who resigned on May 28.

Fu, who was International Trade and Industry Ministry parliamentary secretary, takes over from Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen who has been appointed as Deputy Finance Minister II.

Lim was Transport Ministry parliamentary secretary. Their appointments were announced by Dr Mahathir last Tuesday.

In the Cabinet reshuffle, Dr Ng moved from the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry to the Finance Ministry, while Datuk M. Kayveas, who was Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister, moved to the Prime Minister's Department.

Ipoh Barat MP Datuk Ho Cheong Sing has also been appointed, to replace Fu.

Arau MP Datuk Mastika Junaidah Husin has been appointed Women and Family Development Ministry parliamentary secretary.

Earlier in Putrajaya, Chan, who clocked out for the last time as Deputy Finance Minister, said working under Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was his most memorable experience in his three-and-a-half years years in the ministry.

"Dr Mahathir (who is also Finance Minister) has given a lot of advice and guidance. I have learnt a lot from him," said Chan at the Finance Ministry.

He was speaking to reporters while clearing his Finance Ministry desk.