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New State Secretary appointed for Malacca

MALACCA, Wed. - The State Government today announced the appointment of Datuk Ahmad Rusli Joharie as the new State Secretary replacing Datuk Wira Jahaya Mat who retires on July 20.

Ahmad Rusli, 53, the present State Financial Officer, would assume his new post beginning on Friday.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam, who made the announcement, said Ahmad Rusli's position would be filled by the director of Trade Support Division of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Khalil Hassan.

He said Jahaya would be appointed executive chairman of Kolej Yayasan Melaka, managing director of the Malacca International Trade Centre, and chairman of PM Media Events Sdn Bhd and Perbadanan Melaka Holdings Sdn Bhd.

Ahmad Rusli, who was born in Batu Gajah, Perak, began his career as the assistant director of the Malacca Economic Planning Unit in 1973 before being transferred to Intan.

He was appointed the State Financial officer in 1998.

Jahaya, who turns 56 on Sunday, was appointed State Secretary in October 2001, replacing Datuk Wira Abdul Aziz Yusoff.

Ali, who earlier chaired the State Exco meeting, also said the State Government had directed the Jasin District Council and the Alor Gajah Municipal Council to build mini stadiums to enhance sports.

On the State-owned Kolej Teknologi Islam Malacca, he said it would offer four new courses - European studies, Asian studies, thoughts of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Islamic Civilisation.

"The college's rector, Professor Yusof Hashim, is scheduled to discuss the matter with the Education Ministry to get the necessary accreditation," he said.

On the "unplugged concert" to be held at Stadium Hang Tuah on Saturday, Ali warned the organisers to ensure it proceeded smoothly.