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SOTHINATHAN SWORN IN AS HEALTH MINISTRY PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

PUTRAJAYA, June 28 (Bernama) -- Newly-elected Teluk Kemang Member of Parliament S. Sothinathan was today sworn in as the Health Ministry Parliamentary Secretary.

He took the oath of secrecy before Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Prime Minister's Department, here.

Sothinathan's appointment is effective June 23. He took over the post from the late S.A. Anpalagan who died on April 28, this year.

The 40-year-old former political secretary to Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu won the Teluk Kemang by-election on June 10, this year.

He defeated Ruslan Kasim of Parti Keadilan Nasional with a majority of 5,972 votes. The by-election was held following the death of Anpalagan.

The Port Dickson-born Sothinathan received his early education at the Government English Primary School in Port Dickson.

He obtained a first class degree in economics from Universiti Malaya before getting a degree in law from the University of London.

Prior to his stint with Samy Vellu, the father of three worked as an executive secretary with Koperasi Pekerja Jaya.

Commenting on his appointment, Sothinathan said that being in the government would help him to serve his constituents better.

"This is an additional responsibility to me but it should not be a problem. In fact, it enables me to meet more people and use the opportunity to render better service to the people," he said.

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