

# Sidek's Chief Secretary

## Miti sec-gen takes over on Sunday

**PETALING JAYA:** The country's top civil servant's post has been filled.

Starting on Sunday, Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan will serve as the new Chief Secretary to the Government, taking over from Tan Sri Samsudin Osman whose contract ends tomorrow, according to a statement by the Prime Minister's Department yesterday.

Mohd Sidek, 55, was appointed to the post by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail.

He previously served as International Trade and Industry Ministry secretary-general.

Born in Pekan, Pahang, Mohd Sidek holds a degree in Economics with honours in Public



Mohd Sidek: Has joined civil service since 1974

Administration from Universiti Malaya and a Masters degree in Business Administration from the New Hampshire College in the United States.

He joined the civil service in

1974 as an administration and diplomatic officer with the International Trade and Industry Ministry. He has also served in the Prime Minister's Department as the implementation unit's deputy-director general.

Mohd Sidek was also previously the Malaysian trade commissioner in Sydney, Australia, Industrial Development Department deputy director and the economic affairs adviser in the Malaysian trade commission in Washington D.C, US.

He was appointed as the ministry's deputy secretary-general (trade) in 2001 and became secretary-general in 2004.

• I'm free, says Samsudin

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