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NEW CHAIRMAN

# PM CONFIDENT AZHAR WILL LEAD FGV TO NEW HEIGHTS

He takes over role from acting chairman  
Sulaiman Mahbob

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**D**ATUK Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid is the new chairman of Felda Global Ventures Holdings Bhd (FGV) effective yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak announced.

Azhar, former Malakoff Corp Bhd managing director, takes over from FGV acting chairman

Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman Mahbob, 67, who is also a non-executive director at FGV.

"I am confident that with his vast experience, Azhar will effectively helm FGV and boost investor confidence, leading to stronger share prices for the company," Najib said.

As a listed company with the bulk of its shares owned by the Federal Land Development Authority (Felda), he said, FGV was critical to Felda communities.



Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid says he will do his level best to lead Felda Global Ventures Holdings Bhd as chairman. FILE PIC

Najib thanked Sulaiman, who was acting chairman since June 19, for his contribution to FGV despite having to juggle between the acting post and his responsibilities as Telekom Malaysia Bhd chairman.

Sulaiman was appointed a director of FGV on March 15, 2014. Since June 20, Sulaiman has been chairing FGV's board of directors when the Prime Minister's Office announced that he would be taking over the chairmanship from

Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad.

Azhar yesterday told the *New Straits Times* that he was grateful to Najib for the appointment.

"Yes, I met the prime minister last night (Thursday).

"I would like to thank him for his confidence in me to take on this position at FGV.

"I welcome the challenge and I will do my level best to lead FGV and maximise the company's asset potentials."

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