



Mahathir handing the appointment letter to Mohd Zuki. On the right is Ismail. – **BERNAMAPIX**

Mohd Zuki appointed chief secretary to government

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad handed over the letter of appointment to the new Chief Secretary to the Government, Datuk Seri Mohd Zuki Ali, yesterday at the Perdana Leadership Foundation office.

Together with Mohd Zuki's predecessor, Tan Sri Dr Ismail Bakar, the three sat at a meeting where Ismail handed over his duties to Mohd Zuki.

Later, Mohd Zuki told reporters the prime minister had expressed his

hope for civil servants to be respected, but firstly, they themselves had to respect the regulations, procedures and stakeholders in their departments and agencies.

"My hope is that civil servants will continue to be prepared to face any

situation, and what is most important is that they abide by the civil service oath and Rukun Negara," said Mohd Zuki, who is 58.

The new chief secretary expressed his gratitude to Mahathir and the government for the trust bestowed

upon him and said he would carry out his duties to the best of his abilities.

His appointment took effect from Jan 1. He was the Defence Ministry's secretary-general prior to this. – Bernama

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