

PM extends condolence to Ali Hamsa's family

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob has expressed condolences to the family of former chief secretary to the government Tan Sri Ali Hamsa, who died yesterday.

Ismail Sabri said he hoped the family would remain calm and resolute during their bereavement.

He described Ali, who served as the 13th chief secretary for six years since 2012, as a highly respected person in the civil service.

"He contributed a lot during his service

and his death is a huge loss for the country. May his soul be showered with the blessings of Allah and placed with the righteous. Al-Fatihah," said Ismail Sabri in a post on his official Facebook page yesterday.

Ali's death at Dublin Hospital in Ireland was confirmed by his wife Puan Sri Rohani Abdullah in a statement. She also said funeral arrangements would be made in Putrajaya.

Ali joined the civil service in 1981 as an administrative and diplomatic officer, and

served with the International Trade and Industry Ministry, Transport Ministry, Economic Planning Unit and the National Institute of Public Administration.

He also held several posts, including chairman of the Malaysia Housing Programme, member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration and chairman of the Malaysian Institute of Integrity.

Meanwhile, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa

Billah Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah also conveyed their condolences to Ali's family.

"Their Majesties pray that his soul will be showered with blessings by Allah and placed with the righteous," read a post on the Istana Negara Facebook page yesterday.

Their Majesties also expressed high appreciation and praise for his service, deeds and sacrifices to the public service and country. - Bernama