

**'He Is Sharp, Approachable,' Says Najib's Retiring Principal Private Secretary**  
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PUTRAJAYA, March 7 (Bernama) -- "It's fun working with him. He is very sharp and approachable," said Tan Sri Ab Aziz Kasim, principal private secretary (KSUS) to the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on the last day of service before his retirement.

Ab Aziz, who retired this March 9, felt he was among those fortunate to have served under Najib for 17 years since 1997.

"I spent most of my service with the prime minister (Najib), I am indeed lucky and proud because he is a very visionary leader," he told Bernama before punching out with his electronic card, on his last day as KSUS, at the Putra Perdana building here, today.

The native son of Pekan, Pahang, also managed to meet Najib and took a photograph with the prime minister before leaving the building with a heavy heart.

"He (Najib) advised me to stay fit and healthy. I really appreciate his advice," he said.

According to Ab Aziz, he still does not have any plans after retirement.

He began his career in the public sector as assistant director of Training at the Public Service Department (PSD) in Nov 1979 and has served in various ministries before being appointed as senior private secretary to the Education Minister, who at that time was Najib, in 1999 and subsequently as principal private secretary to the prime minister in 2009.

Datuk Azlin Alias, former senior private secretary (SUSK) to the prime minister will assume office as the new principal private secretary to the prime minister effective this March 10.

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