

## **New Kedah MB Man of Vast Experience - Zahid**

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BEIJING, Feb 4 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi Thursday hailed new Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah as an individual with vast experience in politics as well as the state and federal administrations.

He said Ahmad Bashah, who was sworn in as the 12th menteri besar of Kedah in Alor Setar Thursday, had been in politics for more than 35 years.

"I have known him since 1987 ... for over 29 years," he told Malaysian reporters covering his visit to China when responding to criticism hurled at Ahmad Bashah over his academic qualification.

"Although his academic qualifications may not be that high, you must look at the positive values in him in terms of administrative experience at the state and federal levels," he said.

Ahmad Zahid said Ahmad Bashah had served as a Kedah state executive councillor and as deputy minister of domestic trade, cooperatives and consumerism.

He said the people should give Ahmad Bashah a chance to prove his capability in the administration of Kedah.

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