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PROFESSOR HAZMAN SHAH ABDULLAH IS AWARDED THE TAN SRI DATO' SRI DR. TEH HONG PIOW RESIDENT FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Perdana Leadership Foundation has officially appointed **Professor Dr. Hazman Shah Abdullah** from the Department of Administrative Science and Policy Studies of Universiti Teknologi MARA as the **Tan Sri Sri Dato' Dr Teh Hong Piow Resident Fellow**. Professor Dr. Hazman Shah will receive a RM80,000 research grant contributed by Public Bank to undertake research on the topic, "**Quality of Local Governance: A Study of Two Local Authorities in Peninsular Malaysia**". Professor Hazman Shah is the second Resident Fellow appointed by the Foundation under this two-year Fellowship programme.

Professor Hazman's research will focus on governance at local authority level where governance assessment is often weaker than at state or federal levels. The study aims to examine the perceptions of residents towards local government services and their expectations as well as current perceptions on the local authorities' quality of governance i.e. integrity, participation, accountability, transparency, trust and the rule of law. The objective of the study is to place emphasis on governance aspects of local authority services, rather than continue the current stress and attention on process and service quality.

According to Professor Hazman, "People want to know how Malaysia is governed, not just at state and federal levels but at the more immediate level of local authorities. With the increasing urbanisation of the country, local government will play an even bigger role in determining the welfare and quality of life of Malaysian citizens. My research is expected to highlight residents' current perceptions in several areas of governance which I believe will provide useful feedback and point out imbalances in the development of local government."

At the agreement-signing held at Perdana Leadership Foundation today, the Foundation's Executive Director, Tan Sri Nik Mohamed Nik Yaacob, said, "Local authorities decide on a number of issues, including land use, business premise licensing, hygiene services, environmental control as well as recreational facilities. Given their wide powers, a formal study into the efficiency of their services as well as the integrity

of their operations is timely and very much welcomed by the Foundation. We feel that this research will spur further investigation into the area of local governance, an increasingly important pillar of government administration."

Introduced in 2008, Perdana Leadership Foundation called for applications for its three Resident Fellowship Awards, namely, The **Perdana Leadership Foundation Honorary President Fellowship Award** with a grant of RM100,000, **Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Teh Hong Piow Resident Fellowship Award** and the **AmBank Group Resident Fellowship Award**, with research grants of RM80,000 each.

Perdana Leadership Foundation has also granted non-resident awards to scholars whose subjects of research include: National Identity under the four Prime Ministers; the Declaration of Malaysia as an Islamic State, Malay Intellectualism, and Policies on ASEAN. To date, the Foundation has eight non-resident scholars.

Established in the year 2003, PLF is a non-profit organisation dedicated to Malaysia's leadership history, highlighting in particular the policies, strategies and contributions of Malaysia's past Prime Ministers. The Foundation preserves, documents and disseminates materials related to the country's nation-building journey – including speeches, news clippings and magazine articles.

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