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<u>Press Statement issued by the Vice-Chairman MCPF</u> <u>Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye</u>

Congratulations to the newly appointed Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar.

Khalid Abu Bakar has taken over as IGP at a very critical time when so much public attention is given to crime and safety.

His job is even more challenging given the fact that he has to grapple with negative public perception towards crime reduction efforts of the Police as well as expectations of the force.

Outgoing Inspector General of Police Tan Sri Ismail had in his own way contributed much to the Force under very trying times especially towards the tail end of his career where he had to deal with the Lahad Datu intrusion as well as the recent hotly contested general election.

Despite what may be said about him Ismail Omar like his predecessors had given his life to the force and the MCPF was happy to have worked with him in crime prevention.

We are certain Khalid will continue with Ismail's good work as the former fully realizes the immense responsibility entrusted to him as the number one cop in the country.

The MCPF is prepared to extend its fullest co-operation to the newly-appointed IGP. We also call on the entire force to give their fullest support to him in the discharge of his heavy responsibilities which he can by no means shoulder alone.

With his vast experience in the Police and the manner he conduced himself as the former DIG we have no doubt that he will measure up to the nation's expectations for a safer Malaysia. Among his major challenges are:-

- 1. Making the Royal Malaysian Police a world-class professional force with integrity and pride;
- 2. Strengthening public confidence, trust and respect for the Force;
- 3. Putting in greater effort to further reduce crime and address the public fear factor towards crime, particularly with regard to the recent shooting incidences arising from the influx of weapons through the porous borders from neighbouring countries;
- 4. Intensifying public-police engagement to address negative public perception as well as to concentrate on information and intelligence gathering for its crime prevention work and
- 5. Having a re-look at abolished legislation to help police in enhancing its efficiency to combat crimes.

The MCPF also welcomes the appointment of Datuk Seri Bakri Zinin, a Sabahan as the newly appointed Deputy Inspector General of Police. It is indeed good to have an East Malaysian filling up the vacancy of the second highest cop in the country.

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