Five senators take oath

KUALA LUMPUR: Five senators took their oath of office before Dewan Negara president Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang here Monday.

They are Datuk Raja Nong Chik, Datuk Zainal Abidin, Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsz Koon, Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom, Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin and Datuk Raja Ropiah Raja Abdullah.

While the renewal of senatorship is the second time for Raja Nong Chik, Koh, Jamil Khir and Awang Adek, Raja Ropiah is a first-timer.

Raja Nong Chik is federal territories and urban well-being minister, Koh and Jamil Khir are ministers in the Prime Minister's Department and Awang Adek is deputy finance minister.

Raja Ropiah, 63, is Selangor Wanita Umno head and national Wanita Umno exco member.

Speaking to reporters later, Raja Ropiah, who holds a Bachelor of Arts (honours) degree from University Malaya, said she would serve her best for the people, particularly in Selangor.

Meanwhile, Jamil Khir, 51, sees his re-appointment as a responsibility towards the people, especially with regard to Islam.

He expressed gratitude to Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and the government for the trust. - Bernama