



Communications and Multimedia Minister **Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak** being sworn in as senator at the Dewan Negara yesterday. Pic by Zulfadhli Zulkarnain

Salleh: I welcome constructive views

KUALA LUMPUR: Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Salleh Said Keruak yesterday said he welcomed constructive views in the implementation of government policies.

"Government policies should be understood by the people.

"I believe in leadership through listening before implementing government policies," he said at the Senate lobby after being sworn in as a member of the Upper House before Dewan Negara President Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang.

Salleh said this was in line with the concept of collective leadership that used the approach of considering the best means so that the people understood and accepted government policies.

"We cannot work in isolation. We have to consider the ideas out there and determine how we can improve the situation."

Salleh, who was a former Sabah chief minister, had been the state speaker since 2011.

He resigned from the post yesterday after he was appointed as minister.

In the cabinet reshuffle on Tuesday, the 58-year-old was appointed as the communications and multimedia minister, succeeding Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek who takes over the agriculture and agro-based industry portfolio.

Salleh pledged to ensure that policies under Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's leadership were well implemented, and thanked Najib for placing his trust in him.

After Salleh was sworn in as senator, Abu Zahar advised the minister to play his role in uniting the people.

"Your experience and knowledge as the Sabah speaker will be important in discharging the duties of a minister."

Salleh has a degree in Political Science from Simon Fraser University, Canada, and a PhD in Political Science and Government from Universiti Putra Malaysia.