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# Potential candidates for central bank head

**SOME** of the candidates rumoured to potentially take on Bank Negara Malaysia's governor post:

□ **Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin** — Malaysia's ambassador to the United States.

Awang Adek worked at Bank Negara for over a decade from 1985 in departments including economics and banking regulations and later became an assistant governor. He was appointed Malaysia's Ambassador to the US in 2014.

He holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School in the US.

□ **Tan Sri Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah** — Secretary General of Treasury at the Finance Ministry.

Irwan started his career in the Economic Planning Unit in 1984. He joined the Finance Ministry in 2003 and has held various positions.

He holds a PhD in economics from the International Islamic University Malaysia and a Master's degree in energy management and policy from University of Pennsyl-

vania.

He sits on the boards of Petroliam Nasional Bhd and Bank Negara.

□ **Datuk Muhammad Ibrahim** — Bank Negara deputy governor.

Muhammad joined the central bank in 1984 and was appointed as deputy governor in June 2010.

Prior to that, he was a managing director at Danamodal Nasional Bhd. He has a Master's degree from Harvard University.

□ **Datuk Nor Shamsiah Mohd Yunus** — Bank Negara deputy governor.

Nor Shamsiah joined Bank Negara in 1987 and was involved in policies to strengthen the banking system during the Asian financial crisis.

She was appointed as deputy governor in 2010 and oversees areas including banking, insurance, financial intelligence and enforcement. She also helped formulate the financial sector's 10-year master plan through 2010.

□ **Dr Sukhdave Singh** — Bank Negara deputy governor.

Sukhdave joined Bank Negara in 1986 and was promoted to deputy

governor in 2013. He served in the economics department, heading the monetary policy research.

He holds a PhD in monetary and international economics from Vanderbilt University.

□ **Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar** — Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

Wahid is the former chief executive of Malayan Banking Bhd and was appointed a minister in 2013.

□ **Tan Sri Ismee Ismail** — Lembaga Tabung Haji chief executive and 1Malaysia Development Bhd director

Ismee has been chief executive of Tabung Haji since 2006.

□ **Datuk Dr Noor Azlan Ghazali** — Bank Negara member of Monetary Policy Committee.

Noor Azlan is a vice-chancellor of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and one of the newest members of Bank Negara's Monetary Policy Committee.

He previously served on the National Economic Action Council and at the Economic Planning Unit.