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# Ishak Ismail is now NexG executive chairman

➤ Abu Hanifah Noordin redesignated as deputy executive chairman and group CEO

**PETALING JAYA:** NexG Bhd is streamlining its leadership structure amid recent developments, and under the new structure Datuk Ishak Ismail has been redesignated as executive chairman while Datuk Abu Hanifah Noordin has been redesignated as deputy executive chairman and group CEO.

Ishak said his position as a substantial shareholder, held through a long-term family trust, is guided by a clear purpose - to safeguard and support NexG as a company operating in critical national identity systems.

"Our involvement reflects a responsibility to ensure that a company operating in highly sensitive and strategic areas including national identification systems such as MyKad, passport infrastructure, biometric technologies, and broader data and technology platforms remain stable, well-governed and protected.

"Given the national security implications of these systems, particularly in secure identity documents such as MyKad and passports, it is critical that NexG remains in the right hands and is safeguarded from undue influence, foreign interference or

short-term interests that may compromise it."

Ishak said his investment reflects a long-term commitment to supporting a Bumiputera-led technology company which its role is part of a tightly controlled national ecosystem, where identity documents are not produced independently but within government-controlled processes.

"NexG provides the secure systems and technology, while personalisation and issuance remain fully within government control. This structure ensures the integrity and security of the system."

The company has now stabilised following a challenging period, Ishak said.

"NexG stands on a firmer footing today. Management remains intact; execution has continued throughout, with systems, production, and delivery progressing as planned. All contractual obligations, including mission-critical national programmes such as MyKad and passports, continue to be fulfilled without delay," he added.

Ishak emphasised that NexG's foundation and success are built on its founder, Hanifah.

"NexG is what it is today because of Hanifah, who has built this company over more than two decades into a homegrown Malaysian provider of secure identity printing solutions, trusted with safeguarding and gatekeeping critical national identity systems.

"The company has been delivering national identification and passport-related solutions since 1999, reflecting a long-standing track record of supporting critical national infrastructure."



Ishak said no one understands this business, its technology and its operating intricacies better or more deeply than Hanifah.

"He remains the right person to steer the company forward, strengthen its capabilities and expand its presence beyond Malaysia, leveraging its technology and proven track record. I believe under his stewardship, the group is now back on the right track."

The revised structure reflects a close and collaborative partnership, Ishak said.

"I will work closely with Hanifah and the management team, combining strategic oversight with operational execution to take the company forward. Malaysia has consistently maintained the issuance of its MyKad and passports without systemic failure or disruption. That reliability is built on long-term capability and experience, which NexG continues to support."

With a stabilised foundation, strengthened board and aligned leadership, NexG is now focused on its next phase of growth.

"We are not here just to stabilise the company; we are here to take it forward. With the right governance, continued founder leadership and long-term shareholder support, NexG is well positioned to move to greater heights," Ishak said.