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A man to oil the wheels...

An administrator has joined the Medical and Health Department to help develop good staff relations and improve communication and consultation procedures within the department.

He is Mr Peter Ng, an administrative officer for 20 years, who has taken up a newly-created post of assistant director, responsible for running a staff development and relations unit.

A spokesman said that the number of employees in the department has grown so much that it has become one

of the largest, with more than 17,000 people.

The spokesman said: "With such a large number of staff and with so many different grades of professional and non-professional staff, it is imperative that good staff relations and communication is maintained at all times.

"The establishment of a staff development and relations unit indicates the importance which is given to staff management by the Government and by the Medical and Health Department."

Mr Ng is being assisted by

another administrative officer and an executive officer.

The Director of Medical and Health Services, Dr K.L. Thong, has told the team to go to hospitals and clinics to identify problems and suggest practical remedial measures.

The unit's other responsibilities will include managing and developing staff welfare and overseeing the implementation of civil service policies.

It will also monitor the development of the department and its services.

This unit is the first to be set up in a major Government department.