

MCA ready for polls in Seremban

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — The MCA has set up its election machinery for the by-election that will be held in Seremban when former party president Datuk Lee San Choon resigns as MP for the constituency.

Speaking to reporters after chairing a meeting of the MCA presidential council here today, acting party president Datuk Dr Neo Yee Pan said election committees had been set up at national and State levels.

The national-committee, headed by him, comprises acting deputy president Datuk Mak Hon Kam, vice-presidents Datuk Chan Siang Sun, Datuk Lew Sip Hon, Mr Tan Koon Swan, Datuk Lee Kim Sai and Datin Paduka Rosemary Chong, secretary-general Tan Sri Chong Hon Nyan, treasurer-general Datuk Choo Ching Hwa and central committee member Datuk Chin Hon Ngian.

Negeri Sembilan MCA chief Dr Gan Kong Seng heads the State-level committee, while the party's national organising secretary, Datuk Loh Fook Yen, has been appointed director of operations for the by-election.

Datuk Dr Neo said he informed the meeting about Datuk Lee San Choon's decision to resign as Seremban MP.

Asked if Datuk Lee had indicated when he would resign, Datuk Dr Neo replied "yes", but declined to elaborate.

On whether it was true that Datuk Lee, who is due back from London at the end of this month, would resign in mid-October, he said "maybe".

Candidate

He gave the same reply when asked to confirm that Datuk Lee's resignation letter had already been handed to him.

On the candidate for the by-election, Datuk Dr Neo said four or five names had been short-listed.

Asked to comment on reports that MCA Seremban municipal councillors Dr Chong Hong Liong and Mrs Rosie Teh Lee Beng were among the likely candidates, he said anything was possible.

He, however, added that the candidate would be selected according to the wishes of the people in Seremban.