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## Selangor MCA to appoint more women councillors

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - From here on the Selangor MCA will appoint more Wanita members as municipal and district council members.

Selangor MCA chairman Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said the state MCA had 71 members who were councillors in the various municipal and district councils.

Of this, only four were Wanita members. They are councillors in the Klang and Selayang municipal councils and the Sepang and Ulu Selangor district councils.

"The Wanita members make up less than 10 per cent of the total MCA council members in the State.

"We will increase the percentage to about 15. We can expect to see more women councillors soon, maybe even double the number we have now," Ting told reporters after chairing the Selangor MCA liaison committee meeting at Bandar Puchong Jaya.

The decision to have more Wanita members as councillors was in line with the party policy.

The MCA, at its presidential council meeting last week, decided to allow Wanita members to take up 15 per cent of the MCA posts for municipal and district councillors by 1999.

Ting also said the State MCA would launch three major campaigns next year, one of which would be the "Respect Our Teachers" campaign.

The State MCA would also launch a community service project where students from institutes of higher learning would give free tuition to pupils from the 43 new villages in the State.

The third programme was the child adoption scheme under the Langkawi Project to help students from poor family background.

Ting said today's meeting also saw the adoption of a resolution stating Selangor MCA's stand to fully support Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's leadership and his measures to overcome the country's economic problem.

"We believe this (the economic problem) is only a temporary phenomenon," he said.

Ting urged the people to fully support the Government's measures to solve the problem.

One way was for the people to be prudent in their spending.

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