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MUSTAPA SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR SECOND FINANCE MINISTER'S POST - LING

BUTTERWORTH, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- Datuk Mustapa Mohamed is a suitable candidate for the Second Finance Minister's post, MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said tonight.

He said Mustapa is one of the most qualified candidates for the post as he is a trained economist and had worked with Special Functions Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin when the latter was the Finance Minister.

" Mustapa has a heavy responsibility to shoulder. I'm sure he will be of great help to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said when asked to comment on Mustapa's appointment as the Second Finance Minister effective today.

Earlier, he launched 11 all-women MCA branches in Pulau Pinang with a membership of 1,350.

In his speech, Dr Ling said there were 700,000 members in MCA of whom 250,000 were women.

Also present were Deputy President Datuk Lim Ah Lek and Wanita chief Datuk Teng Gaik Kwan.

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