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CANDIDACY CAME AS A SURPRISE TO MIC'S YOUNGEST CANDIDATE

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- For first-timer S.A.Anbalagan, it came as a surprise when he was informed about his candidacy for the Teluk Kemang parliamentary constituency in Negeri Sembilan this morning.

Anbalagan, 37, is the youngest among the seven MIC parliamentary and 15 state candidates announced by party president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu at the party headquarters today.

The Klang-born Universiti Malaya graduate is the Selangor MIC assistant secretary and Kuala Langat division chief. He is married with a child.

"This will be an opportunity for me to serve the party in a more organised way. I hope the Teluk Kemang people won't see me as an outsider," he told Bernama here.

Anbalagan, who lives in Banting, said that he would have a house in the constituency and service centres so that he could serve the people more effectively.

For Kamala Ganapathy, who will contest the Kota Raja state seat in Selangor, community service and party work were nothing new to her.

A MIC member since 1986 and the Wanita MIC information chief, she is also a Petaling Jaya Municipal councillor. Kamala was the first non-Malay announcer in RTM.

"The selection of candidates reflects the growing role of Wanita MIC in the party to serve the community. I am honoured and grateful to the party president," she told Bernama.

Kamala, 51, and the second women candidate to be fielded for a state seat in MIC history, said she would strive hard to fulfil the expectations of the voters and the party.

MIC vice-president Datuk G.Palanivel thanked Samy Vellu and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for giving him another chance to contest in Hulu Selangor parliamentary seat.

"I will do my best to serve the party, BN and the country," he said.

The only woman candidate for parliament is P.Komala Devi, 45, who has a legal and economic background. She has served with the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (Mida) and is currently MIC's representative in the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) II.

She said she was confident of retaining the seat, traditionally a BN stronghold.

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