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TENG GAIK KWAN NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION FOR WANITA MCA CHIEF'S POST

KUALA LUMPUR, July 11 (Bernama) -- Wanita MCA chairman Datuk Teng Gaik Kwan will not retain her post in the coming party election, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

Dr Ling said Teng had announced that she would not be contesting for the top post to allow the younger generation to take over.

"We thank Datuk Teng for all the leadership, cooperation and services that she has given to the party," he told a media conference after chairing the party Central Committee meeting at Wisma MCA, here.

He said Wanita MCA was getting much stronger now than before Teng took over as the chairman.

"Datuk Teng has given a good example. She is willing and happy to leave the post and this is a kind of new culture (in the party). Not like some other leaders in the past, when it's time to leave, they don't want to leave and create problems to the party," he said.

Asked whether Teng's post as the Deputy Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister would be affected by her decision not to defend the post, Dr Ling said a party post was different from a government post and she would still be doing her job as the deputy minister.

Last Tuesday, Wanita MCA secretary-general Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen and Member of Parliament for Klang Dr Tan Yee Kew announced that they would contest the top using a formula whereby the winner would become the chairman and the loser, vice-chairman.

Commenting on that, Dr Ling said the formula was good to prevent disunity in the party because the two contestants would get the top two posts in the party, whether they win or lose.

A total of 2,411 delegates will be attending the party general assembly on July 16-18.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to open the general assembly at 9am on July 17.

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