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Ex-journalist in MCA line-up

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - A former journalist is among two new faces from Wanita MCA nominated as Barisan Nasional candidates for the coming general election.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today the ex-journalist is Chew Mei Fun, the Wanita MCA national organising secretary. The other new face is its chairman Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen.

Chew would be fielded for the Petaling Jaya Utara parliamentary seat, he said when opening a Wanita MCA forum on current issues, "Wanita - Your Voice Counts", but he did not name the seat for Dr Ng.

When approached later, Ng confirmed that she would be contesting in Pahang, but did not say which constituency or whether it was a Parliament or State seat. The incumbent for the PJ Utara constituency is Vincent Lim.

Chew said she was touched by the recognition from the party and promised to work hard to win the seat.

Chew graduated from the Cheng Zhi University in Taiwan in Chinese Literature in 1987 before joining the MCA in 1991. She runs her own advertising company and had worked as a Chinese language teacher and a journalist with the China Press.

Earlier at a Press conference, Dr Ling said 10 per cent of the MCA candidates to be fielded would be new faces.

They would replace those who had decided not to seek re-election to the Dewan Rakyat or State Assemblies or dropped because of poor performance, he said.

Dr Ling said the MCA would be allotted the 30 seats which it currently held in the Dewan Rakyat

He said the list of MCA candidates would be forwarded to Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a few days.

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