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WANITA MCA WANTS REP NAMED SHAHRIZAT'S DEPUTY

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- Wanita MCA today asked the government to appoint its representative as the deputy minister to the newly created Women and Family Development Ministry headed by Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

Its chief Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen said she had raised the matter with MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik at the party's Central Committee meeting and he had agreed to take it up with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

She said she had also made similar proposal to Shahrizat, who was receptive to the idea.

"I've already spoken to Shahrizat and she is agreeable to the idea. Right now, she's busy setting up the ministry," Dr Ng, who is Culture, Arts and Tourism Deputy Minister, told reporters after chairing the movement's meeting.

She said the request was justified as Wanita MCA had the biggest number of more than 300,000 members as compared to women wings of other parties.

Besides that, Wanita MCA had existed for more than 26 years and had a wealth of experience on women development issues, she said.

The ministry, initially named Women's Affairs Ministry, was set up on Jan 17.

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