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WANITA MCA GIVES ABDULLAH THEIR FULL SUPPORT

KUALA LUMPUR, June 28 (Bernama) -- Wanita MCA today expressed full confidence in Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as the successor to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The movement's leader, Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen said the movement would give full support to Abdullah.

"We are confident that he will continue to take Malaysia to greater heights," she said when addressing the 27th Wanita MCA annual general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here.

Dr Ng said Dr Mahathir had given the country a smooth and orderly transition of leadership which was not seen in many countries.

This year assembly sported the slogan of "Thinking Women: Changing Mindset For Progress"

Dr Ng also said women of all races had played a significant role in Malaysia's economic development.

"Today 67 per cent of universiti undergraduates are female. However, there is a big gender divide in the small and medium industries and entrepreneurship participation of Malaysia women," she said.

"Therefore Wanita MCA calls upon the government to develop a comprehensive blue print which must include financial, training, information and communication technology and marketing support to bring women into the main economic arena," she said.

Dr Ng added that all women, regardless of ethnic, religious and culture background, faced the glass ceiling in their participation in the economic arena.

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