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Former teacher Oui tipped to contest by-election

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Special assistant to Perlis Menteri Besar Oui Ah Lan is the front-runner among MCA's four proposed candidates in the Jan 19 Indera Kayangan by-election.

Oui, 58, is said to be favoured by party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

"After all, she was supposed to be the candidate in Indera Kayangan during the 1999 general election. The decision to drop her was made at the last-minute," a party insider said.

An MCA minister said Oui was still high in the list of the party's preferred candidate.

Oui is also MCA Perlis Wanita head, central committee (CC) member and Arau division chairman.

Born in Perlis, Oui studied in the Penang Chinese Girls' High School before entering the Penang Teachers' Training College.

She spent 32 years teaching in Chinese primary schools and retired as a headmistress.

Besides Oui, the other short-listed candidates are Kangar division deputy chief Steven Lee, State MCA secretary Tan Kok Kheng and Kangar division committee member Chn'g Ban San.

On Dec 31, Dr Ling submitted the four names to Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Ling is expected to name the candidate at a Press conference in Perlis on Saturday.

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