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PPP KEEN TO CONTEST IN GENERAL ELECTION

MELAKA, Feb 16 (Bernama) -- The People's Progressive Party (PPP), a Barisan Nasional (BN) component member, will consider forwarding an application for a seat for the party in the upcoming general election.

Its president Datuk M Kayveas said the party was waiting for the boundary redelineation exercise, completed by the Election Commission (EC), to be approved by Parliament.

"When it's approved, we'll study the seat allocation issue and apply to the BN chairman," Kayveas told reporters after attending the PPP Melaka Chinese New Year open house here today.

He said if the election was after October, after Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad resigned, PPP would forward its application to his successor Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"PPP guarantees it will support all BN candidates in the general election," Kayveas said.

In his speech, Kayveas said the PPP was a multi-racial party that was not monopolised by any specific race. "We can see in Melaka that many races are in PPP just as we hoped," he said.

Melaka PPP president Chiu Tian Chai said the party would help the state BN make a clean sweep of the seats contested here in the general election.

"PPP's strength increased with the entry of the Portuguese community into the party," Chiu said. Melaka PPP had 6,000 members.

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