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#### Cabinet sitting positions to change

PUTRAJAYA, Tues. - The Cabinet sitting positions will change tomorrow with the appointment of Datuk Chan Kong Choy as the Transport Minister in place of former MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that previously, he was flanked by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Dr Ling, but the arrangement would change.

"As from tomorrow sitting (arrangements) in the Cabinet will change. Dr Ling, as president of MCA, normally sits on my left (and) Datuk Seri Abdullah on my right, so now (Datuk Seri) Ong Ka Ting will take Ling's seat."

With the announcement, it has been made clear that Dr Ling was on Dr Mahathir's side during the Cabinet meetings by virtue of him being the MCA president, and not as Transport Minister.