

MCA: Some 'eye candy' awaiting membership
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The MCA has doused media eagerness to interview the six mysterious young women who had hogged the headlines of last week's MCA youth general assembly after their photographs were published.

mca youth agm 091010 07Selangor MCA Youth chief Dr Kow Cheong Wei declined to clarify the status of the individuals highlighted in the major dallies but admitted that some of the over 60 observers were awaiting membership approval.

"Some of them are members and some of them are about to be members, the latter have submitted their membership forms but they have not yet been approved," he said when contacted yesterday.

However, Kow said it was not an issue as those invited were there as observers and not as delegates.

"Actually we invited many observers, we sent letters to the divisions, branches and to some universities for the opening ceremony (opening up the wing to women), but they have to register."

This, he said, was to show that the party is open to all.

mca youth agm 011011 girlKow was responding claims carried by social networks that some of the model-like female observers (right) were not members. This speculation was triggered by the behaviour of these observers.

After being cued in by the AGM chairperson, the women strutted into the hall single-file, smiling for the cameras before being ushered to their seats.

Although the young women were at ease with the clicking of press cameras, the lack of interviews with the media and the overall choreographed nature of the event sparked questions as to whether they were just there to serve as 'eye candy'.

Queried about the orchestrated nature of the event, Kow brushed it aside, stating that it normal when changes are made.

'We wanted people to know'

"If MCA is changing, then we must let the people know. If nobody knows MCA is changing then it is not a political party."

On the unconventional nature of some of the observers' dresses - two were in miniskirts - Kow pointed out that they were not delegates, so their attire was of no concern of the party.

NONE"Its just a skirt, do you want us to take a ruler to measure?... We have to respect the younger generation, don't dig out two or three percent. We have to live in the 21st century."

MCA National Youth Chief Wee Ka Siong (left) in a posting on micro-blogging site Twitter also chastised those who had taken aim at the women.

"I don't understand the opposition's attitude, if pretty women join MCA, they make all kinds of criticism.

"From the photographs of the six women published in the newspapers, one is a bank officer, one is a senior property negotiator, two are company executives and one a marketing officer.

"Aren't these noble jobs? They are hurt by baseless claims. Accusations that they were hired is an insult to the pretty women.

"We welcome any youth to join our party. If the young generation care about politics, the opposition should stop their attacks on the women."

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