

MCA names 4 new state leaders
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MCA today announced a minor but significant change in its state leadership line-up by naming three federal ministers and a deputy minister to take over the mantle in Selangor, Penang, Kelantan and Kedah.
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Debutant ministers Ong Tee Keat, Liow Tiong Lai and Dr Ng Yen Yen have been tasked to head Selangor, Penang and Kelantan respectively. This is the first time they have been given the responsibility to head the state leadership for the party.

Meanwhile, Deputy Home Minister Chor Chee Heung will head Kedah.

mca pc 240508 01The announcement was made by party president Ong Ka Ting after MCA's central committee meeting at the party headquarters in Kuala Lumpur today.

These were the four states which fell under opposition control following the March 8 polls. However, MCA has decided to retain its secretary-general Ong Ka Chuan as the head in Perak which is also under opposition rule now.

In Selangor, Transport Minister Ong will be replacing Ch'ng Toh Eng while MCA Wanita head and Women, Family and Community Development Minister Ng will be taking over from party treasurer Lau Yin Pin.

Over in Penang, Health Minister Liow Tiong Lai will assume the state leadership from deputy president Chan Kong Choy.

The announcement of their appointments were made today by the party.

Ong and Chor were the only MCA representatives to have won their Parliamentary seats in Selangor and Kedah respectively. The party won only two other state seats in Selangor.

Strengthen the party

At a press conference later, Ka Ting said the former state leaders were persistent in wanting to relinquish their posts in the wake of the election results.

mca pc 240508 02" So I have decided to make the new appointments and I would also like to thank the former state leaders for their contribution and sacrifices.

"From now on, MCA will have a new direction, we are going to pay full attention to multi-racial issues. We will pay equal attention to universal issues and we are going to work together with the other communities. MCA will not just emphasise on Chinese community issues, we will also speak up for other communities as well," he added.

Asked why no changes were made to the Perak MCA leadership, the president said this is because the state is already headed by a cabinet minister.

Ka Chuan - who is Ka Ting's brother - is the housing and local government minister.

"It is very challenging for MCA. So we need people who can shoulder heavier responsibilities so that they can motivate the people there," he explained further regarding the changes.

The president said the new appointments will help MCA regain lost ground in those states.

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