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Himpunan Hijau leader likely to contest in Bentong

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HIMPUNAN Hijau leader Wong Teck (pix) will very likely contest the Bentong parliamentary seat under the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) banner in the 13th general election (GE13).

According to a report in *Sin Chew Daily* yesterday, getting Wong Teck to contest Bentong, currently held by Health Minister and MCA deputy president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, is akin to killing two birds with one stone for the Opposition.

Firstly, it will put an end to the tussle between DAP and Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) on who should be allocated the seat to contest.

Secondly, it allows PR to join forces with Himpunan Hijau's supporters and take advantage of the anti-Lynas factor as Himpunan Hijau is a highly visible non-government group for the cause.

Speculation that Wong would go for the Bentong seat started two months ago.

However, it is understood that he had turned down the offer by PR to contest under its banner on a number of occasions until lately when he was approached by the top



leaders of DAP and PKR.

Wong is said to have softened his stance and indicated that he would pick Bentong should he contest after the opposition leaders told him he could pick any seat he wanted in Pahang.

It is learnt that Wong's decision to personally take the Lynas and other environmental issues to the Parliament is another reason he is rethinking his earlier decision not to contest in GE13.

Contacted by the daily, Wong said he will make an announcement today on his final decision regarding the PR offer.

Meanwhile, Liow is nonchalant about the possibility that Wong would challenge him in Bentong, saying his priority now is to continue serving his constituents and bringing development there.