

**Spirit To Serve More Important - Gerakan
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KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Jan (Bernama) -- Gerakan may look into the health status of its potential candidates for the upcoming general election, although having a clean bill of health is not a pre-requisite for selection," said its president Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

He said more important than health was the spirit and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the people.

"Health status will be taken into account but it would not be the main factor.

For Gerakan, the important factor in selection is the spirit to fight and sacrifice for the people," he said after chairing a central working committee meeting at Menara PGRM here, Saturday.

Koh, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, was commenting on MCA deputy president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai's statement on Thursday saying MCA will make it compulsory for its candidates to undergo health checkups.

"I've seen people with ailments but because of their dedication, they can overcome it," he said.

Koh said it was easy to spot someone with health problems but there was no guarantee that someone with a clear bill of health would not face such issues later.

In August last year, Gerakan youth chief Lim Si Pin had said it would choose its election candidates based on health status apart from good leadership skills and popularity.

On another note, he informed that Gerakan would be hosting its Chinese New Year open house on Jan 23 between 9.30 am to noon at Menara PGRM.

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