

**BN Candidate Eyes More High-paying Jobs, Business Opportunities For Kota Lama
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KOTA BAHARU, April 25 (Bernama) -- Creating more high-paying jobs and business opportunities for the people of Kelantan ranks high on the to-do list of Tan Ken Ten.

The Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate for Kota Lama will strive to fulfil them, if Lady Luck smiles on him at the 13th General Election (GE13) on May 5.

It is widely reported that many people from Kelantan have migrated in search of greener pastures over a dearth of jobs in their home state.

Another issue the sole Kelantan BN candidate from MCA aims to address is providing more education opportunities for all races in the state constituency which encompasses Kota Baharu.

"It is my intention to fulfil the promises outlined in the Kelantan BN manifesto unveiled recently," the 58-year-old businessman told Bernama during his campaign rounds here.

Tan, who is Kota Baharu MCA chief, is set to face off against incumbent Datuk Anuar Tan Abdullah from PAS and independent Mohd Zakiman Abu Bakar.

In the 2008 election, Tan lost to Anuar Tan with a 5,206-vote majority. The Kota Lama constituency has 28,292 voters comprising 63.7 per cent Malays, Chinese (33.9 per cent), Indians (1.49 per cent) and others (0.78 per cent).

Tan's candidacy has gone down well with several voters interviewed by Bernama, who described him as "ever-willing" to help the people.

Yap Ah Lee, 58, said a helpful attitude personified by Tan was among the attributes of a leader valued by Kota Lama constituents.

"He's always on the ground to see what needs to be done for the people," he said.

Apparel trader Yee Su Chow, 54, was hopeful that Tan generate more jobs in Kota Lama and help stem the migration of young people from Kelantan to other parts of the country.

Meanwhile, Yap Ah Seng, 45, acknowledged that the BN's struggle was for Malaysians of all races while the opposition was only adept at making empty promises.

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