

**Chew Mei Fun, The Right Candidate For Kajang State By-Election - BN Leaders**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 21 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders unanimously supported the selection of MCA Vice-President Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun as the right candidate for the upcoming Kajang state by-election.

People's Progressive Party (PPP) President, Datuk M.Kayveas described Chew, 50, as the suitable candidate due to her vast experience and capabilities.

"She knows how to tackle the voters very well as she's been in the Federal government before. We have full faith in Chew as the right candidate for Kajang," he told reporters after the candidacy was announced by BN Deputy Chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in Kuala Lumpur, Friday.

Penang-born Chew worked as a journalist, a teacher and held various positions in the advertising and creative industry before venturing into politics in 1991.

Her first federal government job was confidential secretary to the then Deputy Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister, Teng Gaik Kwan, after which she was elected as Member of Parliament for Petaling Jaya Utara from 1999 to 2008.

Later, she was Parliamentary Secretary of the Women, Family and Social Development Ministry from 2004 to 2008 and in 2009 promoted to Deputy Women, Family and Social Development Minister after being appointed as a senator.

She lost the Petaling Jaya Utara Parliamentary seat after two terms to DAP's Tony Pua during the political tsunami in the 2008 General Election.

MCA President Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai said the selection of Chew was a great honour for the party.

"We have suggested a candidate with integrity who is trust-worthy and has the calibre to deliver her promises with dedication.

"We believe that the Kajang voters will make a wise choice by supporting our candidate, who has vast experience in politics" he told reporters after the announcement.

Liow said the by-election is an opportunity for Kajang voters to stand up for their rights and not allow politicians to mock the country's democracy process.

Meanwhile, Wanita Umno Chief Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil believed Chew could bring transformation to Kajang as well as the country.

Malaysian Indian Muslim Congress (KIMMA) President, Senator Datuk Syed Kader Ibrahim also expressed confidence that Chew was capable of delivering her promises to the Kajang residents.

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