

Kajang by-election will gauge Chinese acceptance of MCA's new leadership, says Muhyiddin
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The Kajang by-election will be an indicator of the Chinese community's acceptance of MCA's new leadership, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

He said the March 23 election result would give a clearer picture of the trust given by the Chinese community to MCA as the voice of the Chinese in the country and to represent their interests.

Muhyiddin said that MCA under the new leadership would continue to work closely with the other component parties of Barisan Nasional for the well being of the country and its people.

"I hope that the Chinese will give MCA the mandate in the polls to ensure the continuation of the party's leadership," the Star online reported the Umno deputy president as saying at a press conference at his Pagoh parliamentary constituency.

He said the decision to field MCA vice-president Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun for the Kajang seat reflected the camaraderie among Barisan component parties.

Muhyiddin said although Barisan would be the underdog in the by-election, it should not be a reason not to contest the polls.

"The by-election is the best platform for us to explain to the people the negative allegations made by the opposition," he said.

Muhyiddin said feedback from the grassroots showed that they wanted Barisan to contest the polls although the seat was won by PKR in the last two general elections.

He said Barisan needed to meet voters to explain to them that the opposition had been spreading lies about the coalition in their political ceramah or rallies.

Muhyiddin said the opposition was not strong as perceived by many and this was reflected in the decision taken by Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, who had refused to step down despite being asked by certain quarters in the Pakatan Rakyat in Selangor.

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