

Shabery Confident MCA, Gerakan Will Make Big Contributions in Cabinet
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Communication and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek is confident that the newly-appointed ministers and deputy ministers from among MCA and Gerakan leaders are capable of making great contributions to the nation and the non-Malays in the country.

He said the appointment also showed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's wisdom in accommodating the multi-racial society in his administration.

"The dream to see representatives of the Chinese community has become a reality.

"...I'm confident that our fellow ministers and deputy ministers from MCA and Gerakan are capable of making great contributions," he told reporters when met during a visit to the Cure and Care Service Centre in Chow Kit here today.

Yesterday, Najib announced the appointment of MCA President Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai as the new Transport Minister, Gerakan President Datuk Mah Siew Keong and MCA Deputy President Datuk Wee Ka Siong as Ministers in the Prime Minister's Department.

Also named to join the Cabinet were three of MCA vice-presidents - Datuk Lee Chee Leong (Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry), Datuk Chua Tee Yong (Deputy Finance Minister) and Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun (Deputy Minister of Women, Family and Community Development).

In KOTA KINABALU, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman said the state government welcomed the appointment of the new Cabinet members, describing it as an effort that could strengthen the country's administration.

"Indeed, the combination of leaders from all races, including the Chinese, in the federal Cabinet, will strengthen the existing line-up. We hope it will benefit the people as a whole," he said after presenting certificates to 25 Sabah Excellent Scholarship Award recipients today.

Musa said the presence of leaders from MCA and Gerakan in the country's leadership

also proved that all Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties were given suitable platforms to serve the government and the people.

In TANGKAK, Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal said the entry of MCA and Gerakan leaders in the Cabinet was in line with the effort to strengthen the concept of power-sharing in the country's administration under Najib's leadership.

"This is a good move to ensure that the voices of other races will be heard at the Cabinet meetings and I also believe that the appointment will also strengthen BN machinery," he said.

Mohd Shafie, who is also Umno vice-president, said the appointment of Chew as a deputy minister should not be questioned just because she lost to PKR candidate Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail at the Kajang state by-election.

He said this was because Chew was a responsible leader with vast experience and ability to serve the people, especially women from the Chinese community.

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