

MCA to form Belia wing by year-end

ALOR STAR: Belia MCA, the new branch to groom younger leaders and recruit members under the age of 35, will be set up by the end of this year.

MCA deputy president Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy said both men and women could join it.

"We are not going to have separate branches for Puteras and Puteris. They will all come under the Belia

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branch," he said after opening the 29th Kedah MCA convention at the Chiese Assembly Hall here yesterday.

Chan said the setting-up of the branch was part of the MCA's initiative to provide a platform for youngsters to be actively involved in the party.

"We have just directed party leaders at all levels to set up Belia branches this year," he added.

Chan said each branch would have its own chairman, secretary, treasurer and other committee members.

Earlier in his speech, Kedah MCA secretary Datuk Chong Itt Chew said the state leadership was now identifying new town and district councillors.

"The selection process will be based on guidelines set by the central working committee," said Chong.