One-to-one fight in Serdang

New faces from MCA and DAP to lock horns

The state seat of Seri Kembangan will see a three-cornered fight between Barisan’s Datuk Lew Yuan Keng, DAP’s Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai and former DAP member Wong Kok Yew or who is better known as Jack Wong. Wong is standing as an independent candidate.

The Balakong state seat will be a straight fight between Barisan’s Dr Lai Kow Tong and DAP’s Yip Lam Chan. For the Bangi state seat, Barisan’s Mohd Fadzil Daud will face Dr Chua Soo Bahar of PAS.

The Serdang parliamentary constituency (P102), sandwiched between Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya, has developed tremendously over the last 10 years. Like all other new villages, Seri Kembangan, one of the state seats in Serdang, has undergone tremendous transformation over the years but nostalgia for the past can still clearly be felt there as the British formed it in the 1950s to isolate the Chinese population from the communities.

However, with development comes problems, and among the pressing issues brought up by residents is the daily traffic snarl along the 5km of Jalan Besar Seri Kembangan, stretching from Taman Universiti Indah to the Jalan Sungai Besi intersection.

The two-lane Jalan Seri Kembangan is being widened and will be connected to a dual carriageway leading to Sri Serdang, Serdang Jaya and UPM, to cater to the growing number of motorists using the road.

Another major issue that used to upset residents was the frequent flooding at Jalan Koyop, with links to Jalan Besar Seri Kembangan and the Serdang/Puchong highway, a major exit to Kuala Lumpur.

Sungai Raya is once the cause of flash floods that sent residents of both Seri Serdang and Kampung Seri Kembangan scattering to higher ground each time there was a heavy downpour.

The state government spent millions of ringgit over the years to widen and deepen the riverbed, and the floods are now part of history.

Since the last elections, residents in Balakong and Bangi have also experienced a significant improvement in infrastructure, in areas like Cherok Jaya, Bandar Baru Bangi and Selesa Jaya. And like Seri Kembangan, residents in Balakong live in fear of floods before the federal government looked into their plight by allocating RM1.7ml under the Ninth Malaysia Plan for widening and deepening works at three stretches of Sungai Raya.

There was good news for residents in Bangi, too. The 30-year-old township gained enough attention from the authorities, especially from the Kajang Municipal Council, for facilities to be provided for residents in areas like Bandar Baru Bangi, Kajang Utama and Bangi Lama.

Residents had claimed that many parts of Bangi were neglected, especially in areas under the former Kajang state seat.

With Barisan Nasional’s victory in both state and parliamentary seats, residents enjoyed better facilities with more funds from the state and federal governments.

Serdang was designated a parliamentary constituency in 1995 and Dato’ Pau Pin Hon was the first MP there.

The Chinese population is the largest at 51%, followed by Malays (36.17%) and Indians (11.34%). There are three seats apart from Balakong (N27) and Seri Kembangan (N28) which has majority Chinese voters.

With a strong vote from Seri Kembangan, it is expected to deliver more MPs to Barisan Nasional.

**STATISTICS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Party</th>
<th>Seats</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Barisan Nasional</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>57%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DAP</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>28%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PKR</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Others</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Barisan Nasional is expected to win the Seri Kembangan seat (N28), 56.32% (18,153); Malay, 35.56% (12,940); Indian, 10.77% (3,707). Ani has included Kampung Baru Balakong, Bander Damai, Perinton, Batu 11 Cheras, Cheras Perdana, Bandar Tun Hussein Onn, Sempang Bulat, Taming Jaya, Dosa Bandar, Impian Ehsan, Cheras Jaya, Taman Balik Belimbing.

Seri Kembangan seat (N28): Chinese, 84.35% (25,504); Malay, 7.3% (2,160); Indian 8.3% (2,533). Ani has included Serdang, Balakong, UPM, Seri Kembangan 1-12, Bukit Serdang, Taman Universiti Indah, Duta Serdang, Taman Mutihiah, Sungai Besi Indah, Serdang Raya.