

Kudos to OCM's recognition of women leaders

PETALING JAYA: Datuk Mumtaz Jaafar and Datuk S. Shamala are happy that women's role as leaders has been recognised in the Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM).

Mumtaz and Shamala have been given the mandate as vice-presidents during the election on Saturday.

"It's a good practice to have more women in sports leadership as women play a big role in sports development too," said Mumtaz, a former national track and field queen, who retained the post.

"Our president (Datuk Seri Norza Zakaria) and members understand that Shamala and I

OCM LEADERSHIP 2018-2022

President: Datuk Seri Norza Zakaria

Deputy president: Datuk Seri Abdul Azim Mohd Zabidi

Vice-presidents: Tan Sri Mohd Noor Abdul Rahim, Datuk Mumtaz Jaafar, Datuk Ong Poh Eng, Datuk S. Shamala and Mahinda Vallipuram.

Secretary-general: Datuk Mohd Nazifuddin Mohd Najib

Assistant secretary (men): Chan Foong Keong

Assistant secretary (women): Moira Tan

Honorary treasurer: Ahmad Feisal Ahmad Tajuddin

Assistant treasurer: Datuk Amarjit Singh

can contribute in different capacities."

Shamala, who is holding the post for the first time, was happy that they have been chosen for the work they had done.

"The election really goes to show that NSAs (National Sports Association) gauge people

based on their work and we have transcended greatly the norms of gender-based decision," said Shamala, who is the Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC) deputy president and a Prof Dr of the Sports department with Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).