

Nobody knows Teluk Intan like Mah does

IT'S election fever in Teluk Intan and I, a non-political enthusiast, have been following the news because of Datuk Mah Siew Keong, the Barisan Nasional candidate, whom I have known for the past 15 years.

The MAA Medicare charity dialysis centre has been in Changkat Jong, Teluk Intan, since 1997. The person behind it then was Mah.

I only had the privilege of meeting him years later, and was in awe of his commitment and care towards the Teluk Intan folk, in particular, our patients. He lost the last two elections, but never stopped visiting our patients and still donated machines. The Hilir Perak Society still supports our kidney patients monthly on a low profile.

Late last year, I rang Mah to inform that we would be relocating to a bigger place at the Sejati waterfront, Taman Melur. His first question was "How can I help you?" He later committed to assist with some machines and promised to inform the society to help with a fundraising dinner.

In February, I got a message from him and, in April, the society confirmed he personally pledged a large amount and the society would do the same via a dinner scheduled in June.

All these transpired way before

the constituency's representative to parliament passed away.

Today, Mah stands as a candidate again. He is a local and has always been in Teluk Intan. He has never turned his back on the people of Teluk Intan. He has always been passionate about serving the people. He never gave empty promises and pledges.

Put personal vengeance aside and don't play up on racial or social issues.

Many are diverted from the simple fact that the people of Teluk Intan need a representative who will be there for them.

Someone who will look into their needs and assist in developing the town.

Bring changes to the local community.

Be a role model to the young. Be a voice for the sick and underprivileged. Who better than the boy who grew up there?

Who has family there, who speaks the lingo of the people, and who understands when you talk about local issues, and places and schools around the town.

While some are asking who will be the face of Teluk Intan, I know who is and has always been: Datuk Mah Siew Keong. On behalf of our board members, our patients, and personally, from me and my team, thank you.

Aliyah Karen, CEO, MAA Medicare



Datuk Mah Siew Keong (centre) is a local and has always helped the people of Teluk Intan.