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Women take up two out of three local authority top seats in Selangor

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BY THE end of this month, three vacant local authority president spots will be filled, with two of the vacancies to be taken up by women.

Speaking to *StarMetro*, Selangor Local Government, New Village Development and Legalising of Factories Committee chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah said Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ), Kuala Selangor District Council (MDKS) and Hulu Selangor District Council (MDHS) would start the year with new chiefs.

MDHS president Noraini Roslan will be taking up the vacant seat in MPSJ when she clocks in today, after visiting the council's headquarters yesterday for a meet-and-greet with the staff.

The top seat in MPSJ had been vacant since May 22, 2017, when then president Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan retired. In the interim, MPSJ deputy president Mohd Zulkarnain Che Ali stepped in to serve as the acting president.

According to an MPSJ Corporate and Planning Department spokesman, an acting council president can only assume the full authority of the post when they receive an official letter of authority.

During an interview with



Shukri will be moving to MDHS where he will be taking on the position of president.

StarMetro on April 25, 2017, ("Getting a good grasp of Hulu Selangor") when Noraini was newly elected as MDHS president, she said one of her agendas was to turn the district council into a municipality by 2018.

While she was not be able to fulfil her goal in time, she now has a chance of attaining city council status for MPSJ.

Noraini has more than two decades of experience in the civil service.



Noraini, who clocked into work at MPSJ today, was formerly MDHS president.

Prior to her posting at MDHS, she was at the helm of MDKS. Before her promotion to head a local council, she served as planning and development director at Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) and Klang Municipal Council (MPK).

She is the second woman to be appointed president of a high-profile local authority after Datin Paduka Alinah Ahmad was named Petaling Jaya mayor on Jan 1, 2013. Alinah stepped down as mayor in December 2014 after her

contract ended.

Shah Alam deputy mayor Shukri Mohamad Hamin will be taking over Noraini's position as MDHS president. The Klang-born was appointed deputy mayor on July 15, 2015, and previously served in the Petaling Land District Office.

Klang assistant district officer (land) Rahilah Rahmat will be appointed as the Kuala Selangor District Council president, a position that is currently vacant. Former president Mohd Azhar Mohamed Ali took over from Noraini in April 2017 but retired in October 2017.

It is not uncommon for the president post in Selangor's local councils to remain vacant for long stretches.

The longest vacancy was in Klang Municipal Council (MPK) where there was a three-and-a-half-year wait following the transfer of its former president Datuk Mislan Tugiu in 2010 to a Federal post.

The seat was only filled in October 2013 when Datuk Mohammad Yacob was appointed as council president.

In MPSJ, the post was vacant for a year before Nor Hisham arrived.

The Ampang Jaya Municipal Council president's post was also vacant for slightly more than a year from September 2013 to December 2014.