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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) said tonight he would get in touch with MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik to find out which economic council he was referring to.

+I have to check with him first. I don't know which council he was referring to,+ he said in response to a question from reporters after a friendly football match between the Cabinet team and the Backbenchers Club at Stadium Merdeka here.

He was asked to comment on a ministerial-level national economic council, which Datuk Seri Dr Ling had said yesterday would be set up to formulate the economic policy for the next 10 years.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said he only read about it in the newspaper today.

+Maybe he meant the one council which we set up but I don't know which one,+ he said.

The government had set up a National Economic Consultative Council (NECC) to formulate a new economic policy to replace the National Economic Policy (NEP) which ended in 1990.

Datuk Seri Dr Ling said yesterday the ministerial-level National Economic Council would take into consideration the recommendations of the NECC in drawing up the economic policy. --Bernama.

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