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KUALA LUMPUR, July 28, (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he had asked the MCA to submit the party's proposal to establish a Chinese cultural centre for the consideration of the other component parties of the Barisan Nasional (BN).

The Prime Minister said MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik had agreed to submit the proposal for the purpose.

The matter would be considered taking into account the cosmopolitan nature of the country's population, he told reporters after opening the MCA general assembly at Wisma MCA here.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, declined to be specific when asked whether the government agreed to the proposal in principle.

He said it would also be difficult if something was accepted in principle but not in detail. +Give the BN component parties the opportunity to discuss the matter. +--- more

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He said problems in the BN should be discussed in private to prevent others from taking advantage of the situation when they are discussed openly.

He said the situation would become tense when others took advantage of it and hampered efforts to arrive at a good decision.

Acknowledging that the matter was a controversial one, he said a decision on it should not have been made without the agreement of the other BN component parties. -- Bernama

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