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CHINESE ALSO BENEFIT FROM PRIVATISED PROJECTS, SAYS LING

IPOH, June 9 (Bernama) -- All ethnic groups, including Chinese-run companies, have benefitted from the country's privatised projects, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

"Under the wise and farsighted leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, it is not just the Renongs or the Tajudin Ramlis who are getting the projects but also the Chinese-owned companies like Ekran and the Indians like Ananda Krishnan," he said.

It is not true that Chinese businessmen are not getting a fair share of the country's privatised projects, he told reporters after attending the one-day Perak MCA convention here.

Dr Ling was commenting on points raised at the convention.

In his address at the convention, he called on party members to re-unite after the divisional and branch elections.

He said a compromise was not a betrayal of principles or a sign of weakness but a means of progress.

On the party's cadre training centres to train future leaders, Dr Ling said MCA plans to set up one in every state and land had already been identified to build one centre each in Perak, Selangor, Johor and Pahang.

Terengganu would be the next, he said.

On Wanita MCA, Dr Ling said it has been promised 30 per cent of the seats allocated to the party in the country's local councils by the year 2010.

He said Wanita MCA may achieve the quota even earlier if it is able to attract more capable and quality leaders to be local councillors.

"However, if there is no quality women then they must not expect the men to give way to them," he added.

The convention passed three resolutions to support Dr Ling's leadership in MCA, appeal to the government to ensure the people are not burdened by privatisation, and appeal to Chinese youths to apply to be teachers in teachers training colleges. -- BERNAMA

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