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MCA TO SUPPORT UMNO ON CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE IN KELANTAN

PULAU REDANG, May 4 (Bernama) -- The MCA will support whatever decision taken by Umno on the proposed amendments to the Kelantan Constitution, party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

"As stated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, if the amendments are in accordance with Umno's principles and its stand to check power abuse, Umno will support them.

"MCA, as a component party of Barisan Nasional, will stand by its friends in the BN," Ling told reporters after chairing a meeting of the MCA central working committee, here.

He was commenting on the on the proposal by PAS to amend the state constitution to limit the powers of the ruler.

MCA has one state assemblyman in Kelantan, representing the Kota Lama constituency.

On today's meeting, Ling said it decided that the foundation stone for the new MCA training centre in Bangi will be laid on May 18. It is scheduled to be completed in two years.

The centre is expected to cost between RM5 million and RM6 million and, he said, adding that all MCA divisions have been directed to go on a fund-raising drive to raise the money.

"MCA has 2,800 branches throughout the country. If every branch collects RM2,000, we can raise RM5.6 million," he said. --BERNAMA

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