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Campaign to show respect for teachers

MALACCA, Mon. - The MCA, the Federation of the Chinese Assembly Halls Malaysia and the Malaysian Chinese Chamber of Commerce will organise a campaign to show respect for teachers.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said the campaign would start with visits by members of these organisations to retired teachers who had contributed to their success.

"Later, the party machinery and the Assembly and Chamber would organise visits to schools to show that we respect the teaching profession," he said, adding that the campaign aimed to create awareness of the role of teachers.

Dr Ling, who is also the Transport Minister, told this to reporters after arriving from Port Klang by a cruise liner today, along with other senior party members and representatives from the Assembly and Chamber.

The MCA president said that it was high time that the party and the Chinese community showed respect for teachers.

"Without them, there would not be leaders like us. Therefore, it is hoped that this visit and show of respect will uplift the teaching profession," he said.

Dr Ling added that the teaching profession had received a lot of adverse publicity recently following attacks by pupils on teachers and the decline in morals among schoolchildren.

He also said that the party, Assembly and Chamber supported Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's view on the formation of the multimedia supercorridor.

"Therefore, it is important for the party, Assembly and Chamber to participate actively, in helping out with the various programmes associated with the MSC so that the Prime Minister's vision would become a reality," he said.

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