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GOOD STRATEGISTS NEEDED TO FACE CURRENCY CRISIS, SAYS LING

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Malaysia needs good strategists who will not give in to despair in the present stock market and currency crisis, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said that there was no room for panic in facing the situation.

"We have to remember that we have gone through more severe crisis before," he said at the opening of the strategic thinking seminar organised by the MCA here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened the one-day seminar disseminated the renowned and respected strategies and writings of three great strategists of the past -- Sultan Mehmed II, Chanakya and Kong Ming.

Ling, who is MCA president, said back in 1973 and 1979, Malaysia faced the oil crisis and in the early 1980's, the recession, but yet each time the country emerged stronger.

He said Malaysians have much to learn from Dr Mahathir whose wide reading and understanding had undoubtedly helped him hone his own strategic thinking skills.

Ling said that under Dr Mahathir's leadership, Malaysia experienced impressive economic growth in the last 16 years and guided by the Prime Minister, Malaysia had transformed from a basically agricultural economy to one that was industrialising.

"All these have been achieved through careful planning and bold implementation of policies and we can be proud that Malaysia is on track to achieve our national objective," he said.

In paying his tribute to Dr Mahathir, Ling said: "Sir, with you at the helm, with your very strategic mind and qualities, and with 20 million disciplined Malaysians all solidly behind you and supporting your efforts, I am confident, we are confident, we will again emerge victorious. We shall overcome...Malaysia Boleh." -- BERNAMA

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