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Ling: Fruitful and useful meeting

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik today described the Barisan Nasional meeting as a fruitful one which managed to cover a lot of important areas, ranging from social issues to questions on religion.

It was a forum, he said, which cultivated tolerance, understanding and acceptance.

"It helps BN leaders govern the country with a common front. Everybody came out of it understanding the whole philosophy and history of the country better."

Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister, said this after the BN meeting chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Putra World Trade Centre today.

On Dr Mahathir's statement today that the BN would remain as a coalition, Dr Ling said:

"We have not reached the stage yet when we can dissolve Umno, dissolve the MCA, dissolve Kadazan parties and Iban parties. The coalition will ensure that the interests of all ethnic groups are considered."

"If you do something when the time is not right, it will fail. The right thing must be done at the right time," he said.

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