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MAHATHIR OPENS MCA 44TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and ruling Barisan Nasional Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today opened the 44th General Assembly of the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) at Wisma MCA here.

On arrival at Wisma MCA, the Prime Minister was welcomed by MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and Deputy President Datuk Lim Ah Lek. Also present were leaders of Barisan Nasional component parties.

Even though this year's general assembly does not involve election of office-bearers, it is nevertheless significant in charting the MCA's strategy in facing new challenges.

The Wanita MCA and MCA Youth held their respective general assemblies yesterday and discussed the various resolutions to be tabled at today's main assembly.

More than 2,500 MCA delegates and observers from Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah are attending the general assembly. -- BERNAMA

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