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MCA CHIEF PLEDGES TO SERVE PARTY FOR 20 MORE YEARS

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 25 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik pledged tonight to continue to serve the party for another 20 years.

"If I remain as president of the MCA for another 20 years, what we do will be better and we will keep on improving," he said at the media night at Wisma MCA here.

He said Malaysia had enjoyed excellent economic growth because of "its many jewels".

The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, whom he described as the "jewel in the crown", had the vision of a great master planner under whose leadership the multi-racial Malaysia had progressed.

He said the MCA hoped that Dr Mahathir would continue to remain in good health for many more years to come and continue to lead the country.

Dr Ling said other jewels were its people, intelligent and educated, and the country's political stability which attracted investors to the country.

Dr Ling, 54, has been MCA president since Sept 3, 1986. Present at the function were MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek, secretary-general Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh, vice-presidents Datuk Chua Jui Meng and Datuk Fong Chan Onn, MCA Youth leader Datuk Chan Kong Choy and Wanita MCA Chief Datuk Teng Gaik Kwan. -- BERNAMA

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