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PM to officiate at MCA's annual general meeting

GOPENG, Mon. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will officiate at the MCA's 44th annual general meeting to be held at the party's headquarters in Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur on Aug 30.

In announcing this today, MCA secretary-general Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said the party's youth and women wings will be holding their AGM a day earlier.

Ting who is also Housing and Local Government Minister and Member of Parliament for Gopeng said that this month and July will be very busy months for the State committees as MCA State conventions will begin from Sunday.

"Perak MCA will be the first to hold its convention on June 8 while the last convention will be held by the Sabah MCA on July 27," he told reporters after chairing a Gopeng MCA division meeting last night.

Ting also added that beginning this year, the MCA would hold central committee meetings by rotation in the various States. The remaining three central committee meetings for this year will be held in Seremban (June 14), Ipoh (Sept 21) and Johor Bahru (Dec 13).

He said the main reason for holding the central committee meetings in rotation was to provide opportunities for grassroot members to interact with central leaders.

"We also want our central leaders to interact with the local population," he added.

Ting said one way the people can get to know their leaders better would be to organise events preceding the meetings.

Ting added that previously central committee meetings were held at the MCA headquarters and were rarely held outside Kuala Lumpur.

He further added that central committee meetings were held once in two or three months as opposed to presidential council meetings which were held every week.

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