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Schools to get computers from MCA

KUANTAN, Sat. - Besides Chinese primary schools, national-type and Tamil schools will also benefit from the MCA's computer programme for rural schools to be launched next month.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today computers received by the party from donors would be distributed to such schools.

"To date, several companies have presented us 300 computers as they are upgrading their existing system," he told reporters this evening after chairing the party's Central Working Committee meeting.

The meeting was held here in conjunction with the party's three-day 48th anniversary celebrations.

Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister, said the computers would be refurbished at Tunku Abdul Rahman College before being sent to the schools.

Thirty schools in the Federal Territory, Selangor and Negri Sembilan have been selected under a pilot project.

"When we have received enough computers, the programme will be extended to other parts of the country."

He said the programme was consistent with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's aim to set up the Multimedia Super Corridor. The meeting also dealt with another programme aimed at bringing party leaders closer to their former teachers.

"They will visit their former teachers with some gifts," Dr Ling said, adding that this was to enhance the dignity and prestige of the profession.

Dr Ling said the meeting also decided that the party's general assembly this year would be held for two days from Aug 8. State conventions would be held in June and July.

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