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MCA TO SET UP CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS FOR SMIs

KUALA LUMPUR, May 30 (Bernama) -- MCA will set up consultative councils for small and medium-scale industries at state level to help bring up problems faced by the sector to the authorities and resolve them quickly.

He said SMIs played an important role in the country's economic growth as they accounted for 75 per cent of the manufacturing sector.

The sector was crucial in efforts to stimulate Malaysia's troubled economy, he said when addressing some 2,000 delegates attending the 45th MCA General Assembly opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

MCA leaders, SMI operators and officials from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry sitting in the councils would find ways to utilise available resources to help the government tide over the economic slowdown, he said.

As a follow-up to the councils, a national level SMI consultative council would also be established, said Dr Ling, who is Transport Minister.

He also said MCA was working on a project to encourage businessmen to participate in electronic commerce by having their own website to gain access to international market.

He said the people had responded overwhelmingly to MCA's initiatives to help revive the country's economy through the "Love Malaysia" and "Buy Malaysian Goods" campaign.

On education, Dr Ling said MCA's efforts to expand its Tuanku Abdul Rahman College main campus in Setapak and opening up branch campuses in Pulau Pinang, Johor, Perak and Pahang would provide more opportunities for students to pursue tertiary education locally besides saving on the outflow of foreign exchange.

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