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MCA CONFIDENT ECONOMIC DOWNTURN WILL BE OVER SOON

KOTA BAHARU, April 17 (Bernama) -- The MCA is confident that the economic downturn will be over in the near future, given effective measures taken by the government and commitment shown by the people, its deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek said today.

He said MCA would continue to intensify efforts to instil love for the country among the people in supplementing government's efforts to rehabilitate the economy.

"Government's efforts alone would be ineffective without the full support of the people," he told a news conference after opening the general meeting of the Kelantan MCA Liaison Committee here.

Lim who is also Human Resources Minister said MCA would hold a cultural show programme at the end of May to enhance love for the country among the people.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would launch the programme at the Merdeka Square in Kuala Lumpur.

He said MCA had prior to this organised several programmes to help rehabilitate the country's economy through visits to states by MCA and Chinese association leaders, explaining steps taken by the government and what the people should do at the start of the crisis.

The MCA youth also organised "Love Malaysia" and "Buy Malaysian Products" campaigns which had received encouraging response.

Lim said the party also had held nine women's gathering participated by some 60,000 women to explain to them measures taken to rehabilitate the economy.

Under the current situation, he said the people should be thrifty in their expenses and avoid products whose prices had soared to unrealistic level.

Also present were MCA vice-president MCA Datuk Chua Jui Meng and MCA secretary general Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh.

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