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Dr Ling: Vote for BN under Dr M's leadership

IPOH, Thurs. - MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik urged hawkers and petty traders to endorse the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the coming general election.

He said Dr Mahathir had the courage to take bold and innovative measures in mapping out economic strategies.

"The main reason why the economy is recovering is because our Prime Minister has tremendous leadership qualities and foresight," he told reporters after attending the Kinta Petty Traders Association's 60th anniversary dinner at the Red Crescent Hall last night.

"The economy is heading towards full recovery and soon the income of everyone, including hawkers and petty traders, will also rise," he said.

Dr Ling, who is Transport Minister, said the Prime Minister had successfully weathered the biggest economic challenge since Independence.

"Because of him we are heading towards recovery and you must always remember all that he has done to save this country and the people," Dr Ling said.

He said there was a Chinese saying that one must remember the source when drinking water. The philosophy behind it was for the people to be thankful.

"So, in the coming general election the people must vote for Dr Mahathir's leadership and the BN. Do not go and vote wrongly and suddenly Nik Aziz (Nik Mat of Pas) becomes the Prime Minister," he said.

In another development, Dr Ling said the party would put forward suitable women candidates to contest in the general election.

For a start, he said the party had proposed more women representatives in the local government and the Dewan Negara which were ideal forums for leadership training as it would prepare them for bigger challenges.

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