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Dr Ling: MCA to co-operate with Gerakan in polls

MALACCA, Sun. - MCA tonight pledged full co-operation with Gerakan and other Barisan Nasional component parties and re-affirmed its commitment to ensure the victory of every BN candidate in the coming general election.

Its president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said the MCA would go all out to ensure a BN victory and ruled out any possibility of squabbling with Gerakan over seats in Penang.

"We will help Gerakan and Gerakan will also help us," he told reporters after launching the State MCA convention at Wisma MCA tonight.

"We are committed to seeing that every single BN candidate wins the next general election regardless of which party they come from," he emphasised.

Also present were MCA secretary-general, Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh; deputy president, Datuk Lim Ah Lek and State MCA chief, Datuk Wira Gan Boon Leong.

Dr Ling was asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's remarks in Penang when asked by reporters on speculation that the MCA was eyeing the Chief Minister's post in Penang.

Dr Mahathir had said: "Everybody makes overtures but we will settle this in time. Don't ask me what I think (about) Gerakan retaining the post."

Asked to comment on statements made by the State DAP vice-chairman, Joseph Sta Maria calling on him to contest in Kota Melaka, Dr Ling, who is also the Transport Minister, replied that the DAP had its own agenda.

"I have my own agenda. I am very busy with it. I will not let anybody else dictate my agenda."

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