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Ling urges committee to join NEAC II panel

PORT KLANG, Tues. - The invitation to the working committee of the Malaysian Chinese Organisations' Election Appeals to sit on the Second National Economic Consultative Committee is still open, said MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik today.

"I have explained to them that NECC II was an important forum.

"Many policies formulated and implemented, including on national development and national unity, were born at the NECC I.

"NECC II has the same function. It is looking at development and unity policies in the year 2000 and beyond," he said.

The Election Appeals panel, which had outlined a 17-point manifesto, had on Saturday declined an invitation by MCA to sit on the NECC II committee.

Dr Ling said, nevertheless, MCA had sent an official invitation today to the committee.

"There are many Chinese educationists, who are members of the Election Appeals panel.

"They can share their ideas and gain new ones from their Malay and Indian counterparts, who sit in the NECC II, if they were represented.

"MCA, Gerakan and SUPP are also represented in the forum and they (Election Appeals) would have direct access to them."

Dr Ling said they should accept the invitation and contribute to the cause.

"I hope they can identify their candidates soon so that I can talk to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, to have them included in the forum," he said, while speaking to reporters after addressing a 250-member delegation from the Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia here.

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