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MCA FINALISING MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR PARTY POLLS- TING CHEW PEH

IPOH, Feb 7 (Bernama) -- The MCA Election Steering Committee is finalising the membership list to ensure only eligible members are allowed to vote in the coming party polls, its chairman Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said today.

He said the branch elections would be held from April 18 followed by the divisional polls on May 16 while the state level Youth and Wanita wing elections were scheduled for June 13.

Elections to the MCA Central Committee would be on July 17, he said.

The final list of the eligible members to vote in the coming party election would be distributed to all MCA branches and divisions by March 14 and they would also be briefed on the do's and dont's in the elections, he said.

Ting was speaking to reporters after presenting the party's Langkawi Project donation of school bags, shoes and pencil boxes to needy children at Simpang Pulai near here.

Since November last year, a total of 500 needy students from 19 primary schools in his Gopeng parliamentary area had benefited from the programme.

Ting said the nine-member steering committee included the four party vice presidents -- Datuk Chua Jui Meng, Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn, Datuk Ong Ka Ting and Datuk Yap Tian Hon --, Youth chief Datuk Chan Kong Choy, Wanita MCA head Datuk Teng Gaik Kwan, the party's national organising secretary Datuk Ong Ka Chuan and the deputy secretary-general Dr Sak Cheng Lum.

"Based on our experience, only 70 to 80 per cent of the 838,000 party members are eligible to vote since they paid the membership fees and had a clean bill," he said.

He said the two-day MCA General Assembly would begin on July 17 and Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would be invited to open the assembly at the Wisma MCA in Kuala Lumpur.

The state conventions would begin on May 30 in Sabah and end on July 4 in Melaka and these would be opened in each state by MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, Ting said.

He was confident that there would be "no money politics, personal attacks and other hanky panky activities" in the run up to the MCA polls.

The disciplinary committee would be monitoring all activities and would take appropriate action if complaints were received, he said.

Ting said that since 1990, 99 percent of the candidates vying for party posts abided by party regulations and rules and he expected this coming election would also go off smoothly,

On the MCA's Langkawi Project, he said the party had spent RM760,000 on school bags, shoes and pencil boxes for 20,000 needy students in 114 parliamentary and state seats including those in Sabah where MCA candidates had stood for election.

Each of the parliamentary constituency was given an allocation of RM10,000 while state assembly seats RM5,000 each under the programme, he said.

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