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MCA MEMBERS TO ENSURE TWO-THIRD MAJORITY VICTORY FOR BN

KUALA LUMPUR, July 18 (Bernama) -- The 46th MCA general assembly ended here today with a call to party members to pool their resources and work together to ensure at least a two-third majority victory for the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the coming general election.

In launching an unprecedented attack against the Opposition, particularly the DAP and PAS, the MCA appealed to the Chinese community to "resolutely reject the Opposition pact formed by the DAP, PAS, Keadilan and PRM."

To ensure that the nation remains stable and not jeopardised by external and internal forces, the assembly also resolved to fully support the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

More than 2,000 delegates attended the two-day assembly which was opened by Dr Mahathir at the Wisma MCA here yesterday.

The party also pledged to fully support all the efforts taken by the government to ensure political stability, social harmony and economic progress in the country.

In view of the MCA's success in consolidating the party and in strengthening ties with the Chinese community, the assembly resolved to fully support MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and his deputy, Datuk Lim Ah Lek, to continue to lead the party into the new century.

It also resolved to further strengthen the party by boosting its membership to one million by next year with the party's Wanita wing members accounting for half of the total membership.

The assembly supported Dr Ling's call to have more women members holding party posts and to play a more active role in fighting for women's rights and interests.

On the economy, the delegates recognised the measures taken by the government to revive the economy without assistance from the International Monetary Fund.

They urged the government to help expedite the processing of applications for the various SMI (small and medium-scale industries) funds.

The assembly also reemphasised the need for the government to realise the objectives of privatisation programmes and to ensure that the concessionaires of privatised projects do not put profit above the people's welfare and interests.

On education, the assembly urged the authorities to give more opportunities for non-Bumiputera students to pursue courses in local universities.

It also called on the government to draw up a comprehensive plan to overcome problems in Chinese primary schools, including the shortage of teachers.

On social matters, the delegates urged the police to take effective steps to tackle social problems such as secret society activities in schools, drug abuse, domestic violence, abduction of young girls and child abuse.

There was also a resolution on agriculture which called on the government to open up more land and to relax the conditions and expedite the processing of applications for agricultural purposes.

While congratulating the party on its success in its fund-raising campaign to help pig farmers during the recent Japanese Encephalitis/Nipah

viral outbreak, the delegates also urged the government to help revive the pig rearing industry.

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