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MCA LIKELY TO NOMINATE DATUK CHAU FOR SABAH ELECTION

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 2 (Bernama) -- The MCA will most likely nominate its sole assemblyman, Datuk Chau Tet On, for the coming Sabah state election if given a seat to contest by the Barisan Nasional (BN), party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said the party considered Chau as the best candidate as he is the current Sabah MCA chairman.

"We did not contest the previous state election. If we are given a seat, we will contest," he told a news conference on the "Senaman Raksaksa Patriotik" to be held at Merdeka Square on March 7.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will officiate at the event, to be attended by about 5,000 members of Taiji Qi Gong Pattern 18 Association and Waitankung and Neitanking Association.

Chau, the assemblyman for Api-Api, is the sole MCA representative in the 48-seat State Legislative Assembly, whose current five-year mandate ends on March 18.

Chau, who won the seat on a Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) ticket in the 1994 state election, later defected to MCA, which spread its wings to Sabah in 1991.

Dr Ling said it was up to the BN leadership whether to allocate the Api-Api seat or increase MCA's allocation for the Sabah election.

He said he was confident that the BN would be given the mandate by the Sabah people to rule the state for the next five years.

"BN has served the people well and we believe the people will give the mandate for good work," he said.

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