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MCA CHIEF TO DEFEND POST AT PARTY ELECTION

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 5 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik is defending his post at the party election on July 17.

"I just offer myself and others are also free to offer themselves and let the party decide," he told a news conference after chairing the MCA weekly presidential council meeting at Wisma MCA, here, today.

"The last time I was lucky...I offered myself and everyone agreed that the nominations close for the post," he said when asked whether there is going to be any contest for the presidency.

Asked whether it will be a tense election this time, he said there would be some competition but the party emphasised that it must be a competition within the family and avoid a split.

"It is important we don't say bad things or lies about others...if we can avoid these it will be a friendly competition and it does not matter who win or lose," he said.

Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister, reminded party members to close rank after the election so that they could get on with the party's agenda.

He also said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had agreed to open the party's annual general meeting on July 17.

He said nomination for office bearers is on July 12.

Dates for the party's central working committee meetings have also been set for every month (January-July) prior to the party's AGM and election.

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