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MCA TO RENOMINATE MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF INCUMBENTS

TAIPING, June 28 (Bernama) -- The MCA will renominate at least 90 per cent of its incumbent Members of Parliament and State Assemblymen for consideration by the Barisan Nasional Chairman as candidates in the general election, party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Ling Sik said today.

"In the course of my nationwide tour, I have found that MCA elected representatives have rendered excellent service to the people in which the MCA and BN can take pride," he told reporters after opening the 34th general meeting of the Hawkers and Petty Traders Association of Malaysia here.

The other 10 per cent or so wanted to retire on their own accord and would be replaced by new faces, he said,

Dr Ling said he and State MCA leaders would go through the list of candidates before submitting it to the BN Chairman and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his consideration and approval.

"This is the Barisan Nasional way of reaching a final decision," he added.

Referring to China's offer to provide double tracking for Malaysia's railways and also electric trains, Dr Ling said the offer merited study and noted that several other offers had also been received by the government which also needed consideration.

Yesterday Gerakan President and Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said the Chinese Government through China Railway Construction Company was interested in participating in the double tracking of the railroad from Rawang to Ipoh and would accept payment in the form of palm oil.

Addressing the petty traders and hawkers, Dr Ling said the Barisan Nasional Government valued their contributions particularly in the field educational aid.

He said the Tunku Abdul Rahman College in Kuala Lumpur and branches in other states had also been funded by the Hawkers and Petty Traders Association.

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