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Party bans banners and loudhailers during nomination and election days

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - The MCA has banned its members from putting up banners and stickers or using loudhailers at next month's party nomination and election days.

MCA's election steering committee chairman Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said today members would not be allowed to distribute posters, pamphlets or any printed material at Dewan San Choon of Bangunan MCA where the nomination and annual general assembly would be held.

They can only distribute the printed materials at the ground floor.

"This is to ensure the nomination and election process goes on smoothly," said Ting, who is also MCA secretary-general.

The ruling was made at the MCA presidential council meeting two weeks ago.

The Wanita and Youth wings will hold their election and annual general assembly on July 16 while the MCA election is scheduled for July 17.

Nomination day for candidates is on July 12.

There are 31 posts that can be contested. They are the posts of president, deputy president, four vice presidents and 25 central committee members.

Ting said the presidential council has decided that members should not use loudhailers or shout slogans during the assembly.

"We want members to be disciplined. Furthermore, we do not want to encourage last-minute campaigning. Candidates have been given so much time to campaign," he said.

Ting said candidates and their supporters would not be allowed to distribute pamphlets and printed material at Dewan San Choon because the hall was too small for such activities.

It was also decided that all campaign activities should stop at 9.30am on July 16 and July 17 before the arrival of the guests of honour. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to attend the launch of the MCA general assembly.

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