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Party has contributed significantly, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the MCA had played a positive role and made significant contributions to the development of the country and the unity of the people.

In his message published in a book launched by the party today in conjunction with its 50th anniversary, Dr Mahathir, who is also Barisan Nasional chairman, congratulated the MCA on its achievements and contributions.

"As a political party representing the interests of the Chinese community in the country, MCA has carried out its responsibility well and has been working together with the other BN component parties to ensure political stability.

"As a stable and united political party, the MCA has also been able to play an effective role in all kinds of projects and activities which have been beneficial to the country and the rakyat," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the MCA was one of the main components of the Alliance before the country achieved Independence and then later the BN.

He hoped the party would continue its political struggle with more vigour.

The book, Untuk Negara Untuk Rakyat - Ulang Tahun Ke-50 MCA (For the country, For the People - MCA's 50th Anniversary), traces MCA's history, including its inception on Feb 27, 1949.

Sold at RM20 each, the book was launched by MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

In his message, Dr Ling who is also Transport Minister, said the MCA would strive harder to ensure Malaysia continued to enjoy political stability, prosperity and development so that objectives of Vision 2020 would be achieved.

"MCA will always fight for the nation and the people and will move in line with the changes taking place so that we can collectively work towards a better future," he said.

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