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EX-MEMBERS MOVE WILL NOT AFFECT DAP, SAYS CHEN

SEREMBAN, June 28 (Bernama) -- The move by 108 ex-members of the DAP in Pulau Pinang to join the MCA would not affect the DAP's position in the state.

DAP chairman Dr Chen Man Hin said instead, the move was good for the DAP as it would not be facing problems that could have been raised by the group.

Despite the move by the group to join the MCA, some 500 people have recently joined the DAP in Pulau Pinang, he told reporters here today.

Newspaper reports today said 108 former members of the DAP including former state DAP Youth chief Teh Beng Hai and his deputy Nicholas Teoh have submitted their membership application forms to MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

On Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that the government chose on purpose a short campaigning period for the general election to avoid any untoward incident, Dr Chen said it was the Prime Minister's strategy.

"The people are more mature now, there will not be any disturbance," said Dr Chen.

He said the short campaigning period was "unfair and undemocratic" as the opposition did not have the opportunity to send its message to the people.

He claimed the media are controlled by the ruling party.

Dr Chen said the opposition pact of DAP, PAS, Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) and Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM) would meet the people in Seremban on July 16.

He said the ceramah to be held in Taman Tuanku Jaafar here would be attended by DAP secretary general Lim Kit Siang, Keadilan president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and PRM president Dr Syed Husin Ali.

He said PAS would also hold a ceramah at the Tuanku Abdul Rahman Stadium here on Aug 7.

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