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Special gift for Dr M to mark festive occasion

FOR A SPECIAL LEADER ... MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik (centre) with his deputy Datuk Lim Ah Lek (left) and party secretary-general Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh with the special gift of potted "bamboo shoots" for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the occasion of Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

The three-layered bamboo shoots, explained Dr Ling, symbolised solidarity, unity, strength, cohesiveness and growth.

"The party will also like to wish for a speedy economic recovery for the nation."

Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister, said these were MCA's wishes for the country under Dr Mahathir's leadership.

"We will hand over this to Dr Mahathir when MCA leaders call on him and his family to wish them a Selamat Hari Raya tomorrow," he said after chairing the presidential council meeting at the party headquarters.

To a question on the party's preparation for the Sabah election, he said MCA would leave it to Dr Mahathir, who is also the BN chairman, to decide on the allocation of seats for the MCA. The party is currently represented by sole State Assemblyman Datuk Chau Tet On in the Api Api constituency.

"We have left the negotiation of seats to the Sabah State liaison chairman. National leaders would be going to Sabah to campaign for a BN victory," he added.

Dr Ling declined to comment when asked whether MCA would be getting extra seats to contest.

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