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Ting: Cabinet line-up very good

KLANG, Sat. - Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh, who was dropped from the new Cabinet, said today he will concentrate on his responsibilities in the MCA and serve his constituents in Gopeng.

Ting, who was Housing and Local Government Minister in the previous Cabinet, described the new line-up as "very good".

Team effort is more important than individuals and everyone should work hard to lead the country into the new millennium, he said.

"I am still an MP and I will work hard to serve my constituents better besides concentrating on party matters," said Ting, who is also MCA secretary-general, after launching the Wine Cottage today.

Asked if he was surprised at being excluded from the Cabinet, he said:

"It is not important whether I am surprised or not.

"What is important is for the country to carry on with its development plans."

He also said everyone would have to retire someday.

Asked if he had opted not to be included, Ting declined comment as it was a personal matter.

When announcing the Cabinet line-up yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said it was MCA's decision to replace Ting. Ting was succeeded by former Deputy Home Minister Datuk Ong Ka Ting.

Wine Cottage, wholly-owned by Well Mercury Sdn Bhd, is in the retail and wholesale business.

It imports wine from France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Australia, Chile, Argentina, New Zealand and South Africa.

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