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Dr Ling says he will consider all requests before making decision

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said he would take note of requests made by State MCA Wanita and Youth wings before making any decision.

He was responding to Selangor MCA Wanita's request to appoint its leaders to Government posts.

Dr Ling, who is Transport Minister, had earlier opened the 25th annual general meeting of Selangor MCA Wanita and Youth.

He said it was not the first time the movement had requested that its members be appointed to Government posts and to contest State seats in general elections.

"Previously, it was through private communication and not in public speeches," he said.

The request was made by Selangor MCA Wanita chief Rosalind Yau Shuk Meng in her speech at the annual general meeting today.

It was repeated in the seven-point resolution debated at the meeting. The seven points were categorised as party affairs, politics, economics, social, education, culture/religion and environment.

The resolutions include urging the Government to take disciplinary action against civil servants who abused their power in issuing administrative directives.

They also urged the Government to amend the Housing Developers (Control and Licensing) Act 1966, to protect house buyers.

They urged the Government to ensure fair treatment for all races in issuing business licences.

On Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement during the Umno general assembly that Bumiputera businessmen should look at the Chinese community's methods in running businesses, Dr Ling said the Chinese community was ever willing to help.

"We are ready to help achieve the economic balance outlined in the New Economic Policy," he said.

Meanwhile, Yau stepped down after leading the wing for 16 years.

Her deputy, Dr Tan Yee Kew will be the acting chairman until the party election in two years.

Dr Ling, in thanking Yau, said all other leaders should follow her example of leadership.

"She not only managed the State MCA Wanita wing well but has also groomed a replacement," he said.

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