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KHALIL YAAKOB HAPPY OVER DR LING'S DECISION

REMBAU, June 7 (Bernama) -- Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob has said that he was happy over the decision of MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik to remain in the Cabinet.

"As a Cabinet colleague, I've known him for a long time. His character is such that people readily accept him but the most important thing is that he is a minister who has been effective," he said when asked to comment on Dr Ling's decision yesterday not to quit his post as Transport Minister.

Khalil, who is Umno secretary-general, earlier last night attended a session with the youths on charting a direction in the new millennium, at Kampung Semin, Lubuk Cina, near here.

On May 22, Dr Ling stunned the MCA Presidential Council when he announced his decision to resign from his Cabinet post but to remain as party president.

Khalil said he was happy that Dr Ling had responded to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for him to stay on in the Cabinet.

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