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Ling: Heed PM's advice

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - All quarters, including the Malaysian Chinese Organisation Elections Appeals Committee (Suqiu), should take heed of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice against inflaming racial sentiments.

MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said the Prime Minister made the reminder for the good of all communities in the country and for the sake of national stability.

"I hope all parties, besides those the reminder was directed at, should take Dr Mahathir's remarks seriously," he told newsmen after visiting the Cintai Malaysia Expo 2000 at the Mines, today.

He said this when asked to respond on the Prime Minister's 43rd National Day address on the issue on Thursday.

Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister said as society comprised many races, cultures as well as religion, each race would have its own issues that were sensitive.

"Therefore, parties should not touch or say anything on sensitive issues without thorough scrutiny."

He added that if any issues needed to be resolved, there were proper platforms to air them.

Suqiu comprises 11 Chinese associations. Among them are United Chinese School Committees Association of Malaysia (Dong Zong), United Chinese School Teachers Association of Malaysia (Jiao Zong) and Nanyang University Alumni Association of Malaysia.

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