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LING WANTS TO PUT BEHIND HIS RESIGNATION ISSUE

TAIPING, June 7 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today he wants to forget about the issue of his resignation as Transport Minister and wished to focus attention on enhancing unity in MCA and the Barisan Nasional (BN).

"My main agenda is to promote and nurture closer ties in MCA and among the BN component parties," he told reporters after opening the Larut MCA division's new building in Selama, near here.

Dr Ling refused to answer questions on the issue, saying: "What needs to be said have been said and the matter will not be touched again."

Asked whether he would only serve for a certain period in the government, he merely shook his head.

Dr Ling stunned MCA's top leaders when he announced his decision to resign as Transport Minister on May 22.

He, however, retracted his decision yesterday after returning from a two weeks' leave. Dr Ling went on leave on the advice of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to "think things over."

In his speech, Dr Ling thanked the Perak MCA for its support and encouragement while he was reconsidering his decision to quit from the Cabinet.

He said his holiday abroad had also made him realise of how Malaysia was the best country for the people.

He urged Malaysians to value and appreciate the good things they were enjoying in this country.

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