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MCA members urged to unite for benefit of party

TAIPING, Thurs. - MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik today called on all party members to unite for the benefit of the party.

Speaking to reporters after opening the 35th National Petty Traders and Hawkers Annual Delegates Conference, he said the message delivered at the recent MCA Annual General Meeting was very clear.

"Nobody wants to see disunity in the party. All members only want to see unity. That is a loud and clear message," he said, adding that it was now the leaders' responsibility to carry out this wish.

He was commenting on the recent rift in the party and the steps being taken to mend it.

Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister, said work on the delayed dual railway track project between Ipoh and Rawang would start this year.

(The project was scheduled to be implemented last year).

He said initial discussions regarding the project and its costs had been completed.

"It will now be handed over to the Treasury for approval," he added.

He also denied rumours by certain quarters that the project would not take off the ground.

"The project is vital to development and will also help ease the present increase in cargo transportation," he added.

He said due to this, the project would be completed within 36 months and not 60 months as scheduled earlier.

Dr Ling also welcomed the suggestion by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to create genuine business partnerships among the various races.

"We want to see genuine business partnerships between the Malays and other races in all fields. This will strengthen relationship," he said, adding that co-operation were needed in various fields.

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