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MINISTERS TO MEET MUSA TO DISCUSS VISION SCHOOL CONCEPT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- Three cabinet ministers will meet Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad to discuss the proposed Vision School concept, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

"We will meet Musa to discuss the Vision School concept to have a clear idea of how it is going to be implemented...we believe it is good for the people," Ling said.

The three ministers set to meet Musa are Ling, Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik who is Gerakan president, and Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding who is Sawarak United People's Party deputy president.

Ling, who is Transport Minister, said that the meeting would take place before the fasting month, which begins end of the month.

He said the Vision School concept would allow children of various races and background to interact, resulting in a harmonious society.

The MCA and other Chinese-based Barisan Nasional component parties are all for the Vision School as long as the character of the Chinese primary schools were not altered, he said.

The concept, mooted by Musa a few months ago, has received strong opposition from the Chinese educationists' movement Dong Jiao Zong, which claims that the Vision Schools will result in Chinese schools losing their identity.

The concept involves three schools of different mediums -- Malay, Chinese and Tamil -- sharing common facilities, including common grounds.

On Oct 28, Musa reiterated that the government will go ahead to set up Vision Schools as planned despite Dong Jiao Zong's objections.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, on Monday, also expressed his disappointment over the group's objection.

Today, Ling said the Vision School concept would not only be applicable to new schools being built but also existing schools keen to participate.

"We will not limit it to new schools only...others can also join in if they want," he added.

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