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Reaction to Dr Mahathir's speech

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik:

"There is a need for the various communities in the country to have a deeper understanding of one another's needs. Everyone should realise he cannot hope to take everything for himself.

"When we sit and eat together, don't finish everything yourself because then nothing would be left for me. Similarly, if I finish all, then there'll be none for you ... so the same principle applies in sharing between the races in this country.

"On the MCA's aspirations to push for the Penang Chief Minister's post, we have made a request to play a bigger role on the island. We made the request previously and in a way we have got this.

"An example is the appointment of an MCA man as the Penang Port Commission chairman."