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# 'Okay to send memoranda to PM'

**PUTRAJAYA, Thurs:** There is nothing wrong with presenting memoranda to the prime minister as it is one way for the Chinese community to get their concerns across, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik says.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Moha-

mad is always willing to meet the people, but it would be better for him to read through memoranda on public grouses and concerns.

"There is nothing wrong with that," he said when responding to a statement by Mahathir's political secretary Matthias Chang that Chinese

organisations should meet with the prime minister instead of issuing memoranda.

Ling was speaking to reporters before chairing the ministry's post-cabinet meeting yesterday.

In quoting sources, the Internet news site *malaysiakini* reported that Chang, who met

with the *Nanyang Siang Pau* staff on Tuesday, had expressed regret with the approach by the community when raising certain issues.

Chang had lamented that the leaders of Chinese organisations used the back door by voicing their grievances over the online media.