

Kong Choy: **Right** attitude-the answer

IPOH: MCA's internal squabbles can be resolved only if the leaders and party members have the correct attitude, party vice-president Datuk Chan Kong Choy said.

"They need to have an open heart. If they can put self-interest beneath the interests of the party, and are ready to accept different opinions, then I think everything can be resolved," he told reporters after launching a blood donation campaign at the Chinese Methodist Church here yesterday.

He was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement on Wednesday where he had expressed confidence that the MCA leadership could solve the problem.

Chan also said he would participate in the inquiry being conducted by a six-member committee investigating the Aug 3 MCA Youth general assembly fracas. He said he respected the committee of elders.

Chan said his doctor once

told him that every once in a while, "old blood must go, and new blood must come into the body".

However, he said, he was not referring specifically to the MCA and that he meant it in the medical sense.

When asked if he thought the MCA needed new blood, he said: "I think so, yes."

Chan, who is also Deputy Finance Minister, added that he had been keenly promoting blood donation even when he was MCA Youth chief.

He said he first gave blood when he was 18 years old and had donated about 50 times since then, doing it two or three times a year.

Also present were Methodist Church Kinta district supervisor Rev Teoh Huan Seone, Lions Club Region 3 chairman Vincent Lee, Malim Nawar state assemblyman Datuk Lee Chee Leong, Teja state assemblyman Dr Ho Wai Cheong and Kuala Dipang state assemblyman Dr Chong F a h .