

Yew doubts Ong truly wants to resolve crisis

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues: Some MCA Youth leaders doubt that youth chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat truly wants to resolve the crisis within the movement.

Secretary-general Yew Teong Look said today Ong has a tendency to "say something, and do another thing later".

He said Ong should show his sincerity in wanting to resolve the crisis since he had promised the prime minister that he would do so amicably.

He should have tried to resolve the problems from day one, instead of letting them get out of hand, Yew told a press conference.

"We are all reasonable and rational people. If Ong called for a meeting and we did not agree on certain

• matters, it should be put to vote," he said.

He was responding to a statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Sunday that Ong wants an end to problems in the party and he supported this.

Ong met Mahathir in Jitra, Kedah, on Thursday.

The meeting has been a subject of speculation, with some saying that Ong was reprimanded by Mahathir and others saying he wanted to present his side of the story.

Although Yew thanked Mahathir for his concern, he said the crisis has damaged the movement's image and credibility.

Any effort to resolve the crisis should be fair and democratic, he said.