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DR LING TO SUBMIT LIST TO DR MAHATHIR SOON

PENANG, Dec 25 (Bernama) -- MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today that he would submit in a few days a list of potential candidates for the Indera Kayangan state by-election in Perlis for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to choose from.

He, however, refused to make public the list for the by-election, the date of which has yet to be fixed by the Election Commission.

The seat fell vacant following the death of its assemblyman Datuk Khor Liang Tee last Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters after briefing state MCA leaders here, Dr Ling said the MCA members in Perlis would support any choice made by Dr Mahathir who is chairman of the Barisan Nasional (BN).

They expressed their support to him when he attended the funeral service yesterday, he said.

Dr Ling said the MCA leaders would face the by-election as one to ensure BN's victory.

On the decision of the MCA central committee to suspend the MCA Youth central committee and replaced it with three-man panel until the party elections next year, he said it did involve the MCA Youth machinery at the state, divisional and branch level.

"99.9 per cent of the MCA Youth activities can be carried out except those at the national level," he said.

Dr Ling also announced that MCA would set up a branch of TAR college in Sabah with the first intake scheduled for middle of next year.

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