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In the BN spirit

IT is heartening that the two factions in MCA have decided to put their quarrel on hold and work together to ensure a Barisan Nasional victory in the Indera Kayangan by-election. Party deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek has agreed to a truce. In accepting a suggestion by Youth chief Datuk Ong Tee Kiat that he lead the party's campaign in the by-election, MCA president Datuk Dr Ling Liong Sik shows that they can put aside personal differences in achieving a common objective.

This is as it should be, in the BN spirit. It will be better not only for the Chinese community but also for the country as a whole if this willingness to compromise and work together continues beyond the by-election.

One of BN's strengths is that all component parties work to ensure the victory of any BN candidate, regardless from which party the candidate comes from. Umno is already gearing for the by-election

Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, meanwhile, has dispelled doubts that the State BN machinery may be less than enthusiastic. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he says, has faith in him. Shahidan and Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib have been appointed BN's co-directors of the by-election.

With such unity and co-operation all round, the BN should be able to fend off the opposition challenge and win the seat with a bigger majority.

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