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Lings calls for more Chinese New Year cultural programmes

MALACCA, Sun. - MCA members nationwide should organise various activities to celebrate the Chinese New Year as they will help foster closer relations with other races.

Its president, Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, in launching the State Chinese New Year decorations festival in Jalan Kubu and Jonker Walk last night, said such programmes would also help introduce Chinese culture and tradition to tourists.

"Such affairs should be emulated by MCA members nationwide," he said.

Also present were MCA vice-president Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn and State MCA chairman Datuk Wira Gan Boon Leong.

Dr Ling also said the Chinese community should be thankful to the Government as the country has overcome the economic crisis of 1997.

He said that if not for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's efforts, the country might not have recovered.

"The Chinese community should be thankful to the Government and Dr Mahathir," he said, adding that although recovery may have been slow, the nation's progress has been better than most other countries in this region.

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