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THINK OF NATIONAL PRIDE, MTUC URGED

MELAKA, May 6 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) has been urged to think of national pride instead of going ahead with its picket planned for May 12.

Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn said the MTUC should give priority to national pride and the welfare of workers as Malaysia will be hosting the Asian Labour Ministers meeting next week.

"And, the Human Resources Ministry will be organising a gathering in honour of workers on May 12 itself," he told reporters at the 50th anniversary celebration of SJK (C) Siang Lin in Durian Daun here today.

Dr Fong said the MTUC has been informed of the gathering planned which Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to attend.

He also said ministry officials had met with MTUC representatives on Friday relating to matters on the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) raised by the congress recently.

"We hope they will give our proposals due consideration," he said.

"The MTUC and the EPF may have differences in opinion but there is no need for a picket."

On Dr Mahathir's call for more non-bumiputeras to serve with the security forces, Dr Fong, who is also MCA vice president, said the party has always conducted talks on getting the Chinese to do so.

"In fact, we would like to see more Chinese join the civil service," he said.

On the failure of some 500 students with excellent results to gain admission into local universities, Dr Fong said the matter will be raised with the Education Ministry.

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