

Ling: Members can decide on direction of party

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KUALA LUMPUR: MCA members have the intelligence and wisdom to decide the future direction of the party, its president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said.

"My personal wish as president is that all members will stay united, because such unity can help overcome many problems.

"I think the members have seen a lot that has happened on the ground, and I'm sure that they have made up their minds.

"What is more important is that we must continue to work on our constructive agenda for the country," he told reporters

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after hosting the Chinese New Year celebrations at Wisma MCA on Tuesday.

Among those who attended the celebrations were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Deputy MCA president Datuk Lim Ah Lek, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

Dr Ling said the country's economy was picking up but advised Malaysians to continue working hard and have a clear sense of direction.

"This year is the year of the horse according to the Chinese

calendar and the horse is intelligent and has a clear sense of direction.

"I believe this year is also Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's year, since his name also means horse.

"He is the best Prime Minister that we have had and he has a good sense of direction when he leads the country," he added.

Dr Ling said he was pleased with the large turnout of multi-racial visitors, about 10,000 including diplomats.

Earlier, Dr Ling presented Abdullah with a framed artwork of galloping horses.