

# Settle disputes if you want to **conduct AGM**, Youth told

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KUALA LUMPUR: The suspended MCA Youth central committee will be allowed to conduct its own annual general meeting, scheduled to be held on June 28, provided it settles its disputes by then.

The trouble-ridden Youth central committee was suspended after its chairman Datuk Ong Tee Keat was implicated in the fracas during its AGM on Aug 3 last year.

On Dec 20, the MCA central committee suspended the Youth central committee and set up a three-man panel headed by former national Youth chairman Wang Choon Wing to take over the movement, including conducting its coming elections.

Currently, the panel is helping the Youth draw up its list of central committee members for 2002/2005 for the no-contest elections under the MCA peace plan so that all the candidates would be returned unopposed.

"Every Youth member, in the spirit of co-ordination and reconciliation, should ensure the list is ready before nomination day on June 24," Wang said yesterday.

The panel is acting as the mediator between two groups of Youth leaders to come up with the list.

One group, aligned to Team A, com-

prises Loh Seng Kok, Hang Chin Peng, Wong Chong Sang and Wong Koon Mun.

The other group, comprising Liow Tiong Lai, Simon Lim, Chai Kim Sen and Tay Kim Seng, is aligned to Team B.

Two factions - Team A, led by party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and Team B, headed by his deputy Datuk Lim Ah Lek had existed until Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad stepped in to end the party's 14-month tussle in April with the peace plan.

Both groups and the panel met last Sunday and would meet again today and Saturday.

On Monday, eight Youth central committee members aligned to Team B had instead called a press conference to propose that Tee Keat be the mediator when deciding on the movement's central lineup.

While welcoming Tee Keat's participation to resolve the movement's conflict, Wang pointed out that the panel had been entrusted to help resolve the disputes faced by the Youth.

To this end, he said the panel would suggest to the MCA central committee on ways for an early settlement and that the panel be dissolved subsequently.

Youth secretary-general Yew Teong Look urged members concerned not to doubt the ability and sincerity of the panel to help resolve the Youth disputes.