

Party thanks PM for concern over its stability

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THE 49th MCA annual general assembly unanimously passed a resolution thanking Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his concern for the party's unity and stability.

It resolved to support the Government's efforts to combat terrorism and strongly condemned the move by the Pas-led Terengganu Government to implement *hudud* and *qisas* in the State.

The delegates said the passing of hudud was in contravention of the Federal Constitution.

On education, the delegates resolved to reaffirm the party's stand to ensure the character of the Chinese primary schools was preserved.

They also supported the Govern-

ment's efforts to encourage the use of and to improve the proficiency of English among Malaysians.

Delegates fully supported the setting up of a special committee to study the implications and monitor the implementation of the IO-year 2001-2010 Education Development Plan.

They voiced support for the meritocracy system and welcomed the Cabinet decision to open up 10 per cent of places for the matriculation classes of universities and Mara Junior Science Colleges to non-Bumi-putera students.

They also urged the Government to continue to approve new Chinese primary schools in areas with high concentration of Chinese and to ap-

prove relocation of Chinese schools with dwindling enrolment to areas with high Chinese population.

The final resolution on education was to urge all Malaysians to support the development of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman into a university of international standing.

On the economy, the assembly urged local businessmen, especially Malaysian Chinese-owned small and medium enterprises, to enhance their competitiveness and product quality so as to compete globally.

The delegates also supported efforts by the Government and the private sector to expand China-Malaysia trade and urged the Government to provide incentives to further encourage bilateral trade.