

# Council to discuss code

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The MCA presidential council, which is scheduled to meet here on Monday, will discuss the code of conduct for members drafted by its disciplinary committee.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, who confirmed receiving a copy of the code that was faxed to him yesterday, said the presidential council meeting would discuss and approve the code at its next meeting.

He said the code was general and similar to the standard practice in any other organisation.

On why the party only drafted the code of conduct now, he said: "I have a feeling that we had a very good run for the last 10 years and as such had no necessity or hardly any necessity for disciplinary

action," he said after officiating at the Tunku Abdul Rahman College Academic Staff Association meeting yesterday.

Disciplinary committee chairman Datuk Kam Woon Wah said on Thursday that the code, which applied to all members, would make disciplinary matters clearer.

The MCA central committee had on Aug 29 replaced the five-man disciplinary committee headed by deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek with Kam and four other party veterans.

The veterans were considered neutral because the current party leaders were somehow seen to be either aligned to Team A led by Dr Ling or Team B led by Lim. Both teams were locked in a 14-month power struggle until Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad stepped in

with a peace plan in April.

In Johor Baru, **LAM LI** reports that state MCA liaison committee chairman Datuk Dr Chua Soi Lek, who appointed his state line-up for 2002/2005 term on Thursday, has described it as "a strong and united team," which included young professionals, veterans, females and also strong critics within the party. Datuk Jimmy Low is the deputy chairman while the six vice-chairmen are Datuk Lim Si Cheng, Datuk Yap Chik Dong, Ng See Tiong, Freddie Long, Hoo Seong Chang and Tan Ah Eng.

Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng, who is Bakri division chief and Bakri MP, is automatically a committee member in the new line-up.

Dr Chua said the appointments were in tandem with the peace plan and for party unity and stability.