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ALL SHOULD ADHERE TO MCA PEACE PLAN, SAYS ONG

KUALA LUMPUR, April 27 (Bernama) -- MCA Youth chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat said today that any move to amend the party's by-laws or constitution would be against the status quo formula contained in Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's peace plan for MCA.

He said since the Prime Minister, who is Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, proposed the plan, there had been debates and discussions in the party.

Yesterday, the MCA Youth Special Committee announced that the two camps in the party had agreed to amend the movement's by-laws to allow leaders who are more than 45 years old to hold their posts until 2005.

Ong said: "Actually this proposal (to do away with age limit) has yet to be agreed to. Some leaders told me they are against it."

"Once we have sought advice from the top or our leadership, we should adhere to it," he said.

Ong said it was against eastern culture to ask for advice and then ignore the suggestions given.

The peace plan should be observed by all for the sake of party unity, he said.

The peace agenda, which has been agreed to by MCA's Team A and Team B, calls for contests for posts from the division level onwards to be deferred until 2005 as a way to resolve the party's leadership dispute.

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