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LING DENIES HE IS STEPPING DOWN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 25 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik tonight denied that he is stepping down as MCA president and Transport Minister.

He said the rumour about him giving up his party and government posts was spread by certain quarters with malicious intention.

"It is just a rumour, it is not true," he told reporters at a hotel here just before attending the 33rd Kuala Lumpur Vegetable Wholesellers Association anniversary dinner.

Dr Ling, who had just returned home after a three-day visit to the Philippines, said the rumour had been circulating for some time.

"It just as good as a rumour," he added.

Reporters had asked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad about the rumour upon his arrival home yesterday from visits to Japan and South Korea.

The Prime Minister said he had not asked Dr Ling to resign and those spreading the rumour had bad intention.

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