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MCA-Resolution

DELEGATES THANK DR M FOR HELPING RESTORE PEACE IN MCA

KUALA LUMPUR, July 27 (Bernama) -- The 49th MCA annual general assembly today unanimously passed a resolution expressing appreciation to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his efforts in maintaining unity and stability in the party.

In thanking the prime minister, the delegates also pledged their full support for the "peace plan" he formulated to resolve the MCA leadership crisis.

Dr Mahathir, who is BN chairman, came up with the plan after a protracted dispute between two camps in MCA had threatened to split the party, one of 14 components in the ruling coalition.

The assembly also approved resolutions on politics, education, economy and social affairs.

On politics, the delegates resolved to fully support the government's efforts to combat terrorism.

The assembly strongly condemned the PAS-led Terengganu government's drafting and adoption of the hudud law, a move which was clearly against the Federal Constitution.

On education, the assembly reiterated the party's stand to preserve the character of national-type Chinese schools and fully back the government's efforts to encourage the use of English and improve the people's proficiency in the language.

The delegates also pledged to support MCA's move to set up a special committee to study the 2001-2002 Education Development Plan and other education policies drawn up by the Education Ministry.

They also voiced support for the implementation of meritocracy in the intake of university students and welcomed the government's decision to open up 10 percent of places in university matriculation courses and Mara Junior Science Colleges to non-Bumiputera students.

The assembly also urged the government to approve the construction of new national-type Chinese schools (SJKCs) in areas with high Chinese populations.

On economy, the assembly urged the local business community, especially small- and medium-scale enterprises belonging to Chinese, to increase their competitiveness and product quality.

It also approved a resolution supporting all government and private-sector initiatives to boost China-Malaysia trade and urging the government to offer incentives to further increase bilateral trade.

On social affairs, the assembly urged the government to continue with efforts to protect consumers and monitor closely the activities of certain groups promoting their goods through misleading advertisements.

It also wanted the government to continue with its crackdown on illegal slot machines and drug trafficking.

The delegates called on the public to support the government's recycling programmes and efforts to instil in the people a love for the environment for the sake of healthy living.

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