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DISCUSSIONS ON ENGLISH ISSUE HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, SAYS LING

KOTA TINGGI, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- The MCA's discussions on the plan to use English to teach Mathematics and Science in schools are held behind closed doors to avoid any misunderstanding, party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

The issue should not be turned into an emotional one or politicised, he told reporters after attending a meeting with Wanita MCA leaders here.

"It's best that the issue is not discussed openly," he said. "All this must be out of the glare of the press."

Dr Ling said MCA members must play their role by giving the right explanation to the people on the issue.

Earlier today, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the government would go ahead with its decision to use English to teach the two subjects in schools beginning next year as planned if there was no implementation problem.

The prime minister added, however, that the government still welcomed public views on the matter.

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