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MCA ACCEPTS OFFER FROM PERAK TO BUILD UTAR CAMPUS IN KAMPAR

KAMPAR, April 10 (Bernama) -- Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Utar), which will start receiving its first batch of students in June, will have its campus here, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said the party had accepted an offer from the Perak government to build the campus on a 400ha site here.

"We are happy to accept the offer and we thank the menteri besar for the offer. In fact, the state has offered two pieces of land, including the one here," he told reporters after visiting the Tunku Abdul Rahman College (TAR) Perak branch campus, which is under construction, here.

Dr Ling also said that the question of whether the Kampar campus would become the main campus or headquarters of Utar did not arise at the moment.

"We will start making plans on how to very quickly utilise this offer. For the people of Kampar, they can start looking forward to more development, more students and tourists," he added.

Dr Ling said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would receive the first batch of students at the university's temporary campus at the Star newspaper's old premises in Petaling Jaya on June 17.

On the RM25 million TAR College campus, he said it was expected to be completed by end of this year while additional facilities like an Olympic-size swimming pool and hall would be built later.

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