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MCA AGM POSTPONED TO JULY 27

KUALA LUMPUR, June 18 (Bernama) -- The MCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for June 29 has been postponed to July 27 at the request of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

"The Prime Minister has been invited to open the MCA AGM, but because of his scheduled visit to Venezuela and Thailand, he has asked us to postpone our AGM to July 27 (Saturday)," Dr Ling told reporters after chairing the nine-man MCA Special Committee on the implementation of the Dr Mahathir Peace plan for the MCA.

Dr Ling said there was no change in the MCA Youth and Wanita AGMs scheduled for June 28 as well as the nomination of party office-bearers scheduled for June 24 between 1pm and 5pm.

Also present at the press conference were MCA Deputy President Datuk Lim Ah Lek, all the four MCA vice presidents, Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn, Datuk Chua Jui Meng, Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting and Datuk Chan Kong Choy and party secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh.

Dr Ling said the new date would be forwarded to the Central Committee (CC) which is scheduled to meet on June 24, for approval.

Dr Ling also said the committee at its meeting today decided to appoint Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting and Datuk Chan Kong Choy to assist the three-man Youth Supervisory Committee led by Wang Choon Wing to resolve the youth wing problems.

"It is a unanimous decision by the committee and they (Ong and Chan) will sit down with the three-man committee to resolve the youth issues through some intense negotiations," he said.

Ong and Chan are expected to resolve the youth issues at the state and national levels, particularly on both factions arriving at a common list of youth office-bearers' in several states as well as at the national level.

The existing youth office-bearers' term would expire at the end of this month.

Under the "Dr Mahathir MCA Peace Plan", party elections will be held as usual but both factions within the party have to work out a common list of office-bearers to maintain the status-quo under the peace and stability agenda forwarded by the Prime Minister to the MCA.

Until now, the MCA youth factions in Selangor, Federal Territory, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan and Penang have yet to come up with the common list for their respective office-bearers.

Dr Ling was also asked if the suspended youth central committee would have its functions restored ahead of the youth AGM, Dr Ling said, "Yes, it is part of it".

Dr Ling also said the nine-man committee which met at Wisma MCA here today has decided to ban party members from making any comment relating to the common list issue.

"The committee has asked MCA Deputy President Datuk Lim Ah Lek (MCA Disciplinary Committee Chairman) to call them up and advise them," he said.

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