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MCA FEDERAL TERRITORY URGES MEMBERS TO STAY CALM

KUALA LUMPUR, April 26 (Bernama) -- MCA Federal Territory today urged all members to stay calm and be receptive to the unity formula adopted by the party's Central Committee (CC).

Its chief Datuk Tan Chai Ho said all the 11 MCA divisions in the FT had collectively come up with the stand, urging their members to be receptive even if some of them might have reservations over the formula.

"The divisions' collective call is directed at some of the grassroots members and cadres who, in view of the CC maintaining the status quo of existing division, state and central leaders until 2005, have expressed their desire to continue contesting in the party election," he said in a statement here.

He said the dispute between the two opposing camps in MCA for the last two years had wasted much time and energy as well as the resources of the party which could instead be spent beneficially towards the nation and Chinese society.

"The formula of the CC is not to smother democracy within the party and party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik has clarified that the formula does not affect the recently completed branch elections," said Tan.

He said the general meeting and election of 166 divisions in the country had been temporarily postponed.

The new date for the divisional election will be held at the general meeting on May 14 and 15 but incumbents for all posts from the divisional to the national levels would be renominated to hold their respective posts for another three-year term, until 2005.

For the collective interest of the party and nation, he said, members were urged to accept the decision of the CC.

"Wilayah Persekutuan is the centre of the nation. If all members take the interest of the party to heart and support the CC decision, we can set a good lead for others to follow," he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad met both factions before coming up with the "Peace and Stability Agenda" after the dispute between the feuding factions or Team A and Team B became intense.

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