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Dr Ling: MCA grassroots members' response to PM's peace plan good

KOTA KINABALU, Sun. - MCA grassroots members have responded well to the peace plan proposed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

"Most welcome it because they know that it is unhealthy to go on quarrelling. We should not waste time and we should instead continue doing positive things which require energy," he said.

Dr Ling said it was important to note that 99 per cent of the party's branches and divisions, including the Wanita and Youth movements, had completed their no-contest elections smoothly following the peace agenda proposal.

Speaking to newsmen after officiating at the Sabah MCA annual convention at Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort, near here, Dr Ling said minor problems such as the possibility of contests at three or four of the 166 divisions, would be ironed out in due course.

Also present at the opening were deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek, vice-presidents Datuk Ong Ka Ting and Datuk Chua Jui Meng, secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh, national Wanita chairman Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen and MCA Sabah chairman Datuk Edward Khoo.

Khoo in his speech described the ability of the party to solve its problems as a "blessing".

"What has happened should be viewed as a problem of the past and we should strive to emerge from this adversity with the strong conviction of placing party interests above self interests.

"Despite the temporary setback faced recently, I am confident that good sense will eventually prevail among the leadership for the sake of the party," he said.

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