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MCA SHOULD RETURN TO PRINCIPLE OF CONSENSUS

PETALING JAYA, April 13 (Bernama) -- The MCA leadership should return to the party's original principle of management through consensus and consultation, its vice-president, Datuk Chua Jui Meng said today.

He said the current voting system had brought about disunity which had resulted in two warring factions within the party.

Unity would be restored if the party leaders were prepared to return to the principle which had been in practice since its inception, he added.

"It's not that there is no consultation now but it's not comprehensive.

"Sincere consultation and consensus have been the key to the MCA's unity all this while and they should be put back into practice to overcome the trouble in the party," Chua, who is Health Minister told reporters after launching the Healthy Eating campaign 2002, here.

Chua said, however, that the voting system could not be set aside because it was still needed, especially at the general assembly which involved the election of committee members.

However, it should be balanced with a consultation and consensus system.

Earlier, when asked to comment on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's meeting with MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and his deputy, Datuk Lim Ah Lek, Chua said he welcomed the move.

He said Dr Mahathir was the most qualified person to resolve the current MCA crisis.

"We will accept any decision he makes because he is the most qualified to give his views and advice on this matter.

"I'm sure that the problems will be resolved if there's advice from him," he added.

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