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MCA WANT MORE DETAILS ON MERIT SYSTEM, SAYS DR LING

SHAH ALAM, May 19 (Bernama) -- MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik today said the party needed more facts on the merit system adopted for intake of students into local universities before deciding on the fate of the system.

He said the party needed information such as the number of students studying in local universities as well as criteria used for the university intake.

"We want more facts first, for example how many students had gone through the matriculation system, and how many had gone to private (colleges).. only then can we make a judgement," he told reporters after attending the opening of the 56th MIC Annual General Meeting here.

The meeting, held at Dewan Jubli Perak, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Building was officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Ling was asked to comment on the implementation of the merit system which showed a decline in intake of Chinese and Indian students into government-run higher institutions of learning.

"The point is, although we all support the merit system, there had been a reduction in the number of Chinese and Indian students entering universities so we want to know why," Ling said.

The Transport Minister was also seen holding a separate 15-minute meeting with the Prime Minister immediately after Dr Mahathir's press conference.

When approached by newsmen after the meeting, Dr Ling said they discussed the usual ministry matters as the Prime Minister was leaving for Japan and South Korea tomorrow on an official visit.

"It is on ministry matters, normal discussion," he told eager reporters who thought the brief meeting was to discuss party-related matters.

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