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MCA WELCOMES OPENING OF MATRICULATION COURSES TO NON-BUMIS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 2 (Bernama) -- The MCA today welcomed the government's move to open matriculation courses to non-Bumiputera students saying that it will spur national integration.

Its president, Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, said the decision taken at the weekly cabinet meeting on Wednesday was historic and a step in the right direction to foster closer relations among the various races in the country.

"Allowing non-Bumiputera students to take up matriculation courses, will not only help them get into government universities but also give an opportunity for students of various races to mingle among themselves," he said.

Dr Ling was speaking to reporters after attending Institute CECE (Institute Courses for Early Childhood Education) graduation ceremony here.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, announced that the government would allow 10 per cent non-Bumiputera participation at all 22 universities and colleges which run matriculation programmes.

On another note, Dr Ling said the party would leave all decisions pertaining to MCA elections to the party election steering committee headed by MCA Secretary-General Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh.

He said this when asked to comment on fiery arguments which broke-out at the MCA Selangor Youth AGM held at the party headquarters here this morning.

"We will leave it to the steering committee...we have decided to maintain the status quo, there is nothing more to add," said Dr Ling.

On Institute CECE, the MCA president said that the institute which was part of the MCA's education wing would train more Orang Asli to teach pre-schools at their respective localities.

Eleven Orang Asli graduated from the institute today and the MCA planned to train more of them in the near future.

"This is good as it can help them teach Orang Asli children.... we will provide a grant of RM50,000 for this purpose to the institute," he added.

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