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Negri MCA chief wants to quit, but leaves decision to party leadership

SEREMBAN, Sun. - State MCA chairman Datuk Wong See Wah has indicated that he wants to step down from the post which he has held since 1985.

"However, I will leave it to the party leadership to decide on the matter," he said after the opening of the State MCA convention by party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik at the Seremban Municipal Council Hall today.

Wong said he had set his "life agenda and that (he has) achieved the agenda" and dismissed talk that he wanted to step down because he could not get along with his deputy Datuk Dr Yeow Chai Thiam, who is Rasah MCA chairman. (Dr Yeow is aligned to MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek.) Wong said he had a "good working relationship with Dr Yeow and other party leaders". "I must thank (Dr) Yeow and other leaders for their help in strengthening the party in Negri."

Dr Ling, who is Transport Minister, said Wong had indicated his desire to him. "However, his term is not yet over. We will decide on this after the party election," which had been scheduled for June 29.

On the MCA peace plan outlined by Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Dr Ling said it received overwhelming support from party leaders and the grass roots.

"Almost 99 percent of the problems faced in MCA have been solved (through this peace plan).

"However, disputes still exist in a few States. I really hope that they can find solutions to any problem. Let us follow the peace plan for unity and a stronger MCA and the BN."

On the move by the Education Ministry to use English in the teaching of Mathematics and Science beginning next year, he said he supported it.

"All quarters should support the move which will enable our children to be on par with their counterparts in other countries."

Meanwhile, several delegates, believed to be from Rasah division, were seen carrying placards to indicate their displeasure against the party leadership. One of the delegates, who did not want to be named, said they were unhappy the leadership had failed to find a suitable candidate to become the Rasah Youth chief.

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