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NO VACANCY FOR MCA NATIONAL AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE POSTS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 13 (Bernama) -- The MCA Annual General Meeting, scheduled for June 29, would see all incumbent office bearers and Central Committee (CC) members retaining their posts for another term, MCA secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh said today.

"There is no vacancy, there is no need to fill any vacancy," he told reporters after chairing the MCA Education Bureau Meeting at Wisma MCA here.

He said this followed the CC's decision to maintain the status quo in the party from the division level onward as part of the peace and stability agenda forwarded by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Ting was responding to a question about the position of national office bearers, including members of the decision-making body CC, following the decision to maintain the status quo to resolve a leadership crisis involving two camps in the party.

According to the MCA peace plan guidelines, all State Liaison Committees, State Youth and Wanita Committees, Divisional Committees, and Divisional Youth and Wanita are required to come up with only one nomination list. The list would be based on the existing list of elected members.

The guidelines also state that any vacancies arising as a result of voluntary retirement and resignation, deceased members, unqualified members and an increase in number of delegates following membership increase should be filled through negotiations.

Dr Ting said as there would be no vacancies for top posts and national-level office bearers, all incumbents would hold their posts for another term.

However, as required by the party constitution, they still have to file their nomination papers as this year will see elections, which are held once in three years.

He said these included nominations for the posts of president, deputy president, all four vice-presidents, Youth chief, Wanita chief and all the CC members.

He said nominations for national elections would be held from 1pm to 5pm on June 24 at Wisma MCA on Jalan Ampang here. The CC will meet there at 6pm on the same day.

Asked if there would be any members filing nominations in defiance of the no-contest formula, Dr Ting said: "We will wait and see."

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