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## Snippets

FEDERAL Reserve Unit personnel, including a water cannon, were on standby outside the party headquarters for any untoward incidents. The opening ceremony and meeting proceeded smoothly.

ABOUT 300 members gathered outside the party headquarters to welcome Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. There were also banners expressing thanks and support to him. This may be the second last time that Dr Mahathir opens MCA's AGM before his retirement next year.

UNLIKE previous years, delegates this year could get a close look at the debaters with the help of several giant screens. During Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik's opening address, there were also graphics to go with his speech.

DELEGATES attending the assembly yesterday were given a bag each when previously they were only given a paper file containing minutes of the previous year's meeting. One delegate jokingly attributed this to the increase in party funds following a surge in members paying their annual fees.