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TAKE HEED OF MAHATHIR'S CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS, LIOW TELLS LING

KUANTAN, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik was today urged to take heed of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that there should have been consultations between the two opposing teams in the party on the composition of the party's disciplinary committee.

Liow Tiong Lai, the MCA Youth secretary-general, said this was important in safeguarding party unity and strengthening the Barisan Nasional (BN).

"I hope the MCA president accepts the prime minister's advice to have consultations among all parties involved before making any appointments," he told reporters here today.

Dr Mahathir, who is BN chairman, in making the statement yesterday, also said that it would not be appropriate for MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek to continue heading the disciplinary committee because he was directly involved in the party's problems.

The MCA central committee last Thursday replaced Lim as the committee chairman. Lim and his supporters, including Liow, criticised the move, saying it was against the peace plan outlined by Dr Mahathir in May to end the MCA's leadership tussle between Team A led by Dr Ling and Team B led by Lim.

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