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Sincerity a must for peace plan to succeed, says Chua

IPOH, Tues. - The sincerity of MCA members in accepting and adopting the peace plan which had been proposed to overcome its leadership crisis was important for it to succeed, party vice-president Datuk Chua Jui Meng said.

He said members should understand the philosophy behind the plan, that winners did not take all nor losers lose all.

"In this case, there are no winners or losers. Everything is status quo," he added.

He acknowledged that there were "problems here and there" and that there were still sentiments on the ground which needed to be addressed.

Chua, who is also Health Minister, said there should be a give-and-take attitude and members should look beyond personal ambition and work for the greater good of the party and the Barisan Nasional, as the coalition would ultimately bring about the desired progress, peace and unity.

Chua, who is associated with the "Team B" led by deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek, was speaking after witnessing the swearing-in of Tambun MCA committee members at Kanthan Baru near here.

Party leaders linked to "Team A" were absent.

He also said that the intention of the peace plan was not to do away with people deemed not to "belong (to) the party", but for members to work together and overcome their differences.

On claims and counter claims over the appointment of MCA councillors in Selangor, he said there were instances when it was felt that the right thing had not been done.

"There was a desire to do away with those whom some thought didn't belong to the party.

"That is not the intention of the peace plan," he said.

He also dismissed allegations that he and MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik had not spoken to each other during the appreciation night for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad held at Bukit Jalil Stadium a fortnight ago.