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UTAR ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS FROM QUALIFIED STUDENTS, SAYS LING

ALOR GAJAH, June 15 (Bernama) -- Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Utar) accepts entry applications from anyone who qualifies, irrespective of race, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said the MCA-sponsored university, which started its first intake this month, had encouraged all the races to apply for places.

"Four applications were received from the Malays. We called three but only one registered," he told reporters after launching the A' Famosa Duan Wu (Dumpling) Festival at the A' Famosa Resort, here.

He said the fact that the majority of the augural batch was Chinese could be due to the univeristy being new and still unknown to the other races.

He said he was receptive to ideas from anyone, including Umno Youth, on how to increase the number of applications from bumiputera students to enter private institutions of higher learning (IPTS).

Dr Ling, who had just returned from a visit to Luxembourg as part of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed's delegation, said he would meet with Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein as soon as possible to discuss the issue of a 10 per cent quota for bumiputera students at the IPTS within the Barisan Nasional (BN) family.

Hishammuddin had described Dr Ling as being arrogant for dismissing Umno Youth's proposal for the 10 per cent quota on the ground that there was no need for such quota.

Dr Mahathir said yesterday that there was no need for a 10 per cent quota for bumiputera students at the IPTS as it may work against the community in future.

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