

State MCA meetings to focus on unity

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KUALA LUMPUR: Party unity and preparations for the general election are set to be major topics when MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting criss-crosses the country to open the 13 state MCA conventions, beginning July 6.

Ong said it would be a good opportunity for him to meet grassroots leaders and members.

"Our concern is to find ways to strengthen the party's organisation, unity and services for the people," Ong, also the Housing and Local Government Minister, said yesterday.

MCA secretary-general Tan Sri Dr Ting Chew Peh said most of the national party leaders were expected to attend the opening of the conventions. (see table).

State conventions have always been a good forum for the grassroots leaders to provide feedback to the national leaders as well, he added.

He said the national annual general assembly to be held at the party headquarters in Wisma MCA here on Aug 10 would be opened by Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The national annual general assembly for Youth and Wanita would be held on Aug 9.

Deputy president Datuk Chan Kong Choy and Dr Ting will open the Youth and Wanita AGMs respectively.

Johor MCA chairman Datuk Dr Chua Soi Lek said over 2,000 delegates would be attending the state convention in Johor Baru.



Schedule Of MCA State Conventions 2003

State	Date	Time
Johor	6/7/03 (Sunday)	10.00 am
Kelantan	11/7/03 (Friday)	10.00 am
Terengganu	11/7/03 (Friday)	2.00 pm
Malacca	12/7/03 (Saturday)	2.00 pm
Perak	13/7/03 (Sunday)	2.00 pm
Federal Territory	17/7/03 (Thursday)	7.30 pm
Sabah	20/7/03 (Sunday)	9.30 am
Kedah	25/7/03 (Friday)	3.30 pm
Perlis	25/7/03 (Friday)	7.30 pm
Pahang	27/7/03 (Sunday)	2.00 pm
Penang	1/8/03 (Friday)	7.30 pm
Selangor	2/8/03 (Saturday)	2.00 pm
Negri Sembilan	3/8/03 (Sunday)	2.00 pm