

# Chan: Do more for true partnerships

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SEPANG: The Chinese community in Malaysia should do more to initiate true partnerships with the locals, particularly in business joint ventures.

Deputy MCA president Datuk Chan Kong Choy said in this area, there needed to be more efforts to give it a push.

"All the while, the Chinese in the country have been working very closely, not only with the Malays but all the races.

"We share our experiences in practically everything, which help make our society more harmonious and contribute to nation-building.

"But for genuine .-partnerships, especially in business, we still need to put in more effort to give this a push," he told reporters after a working visit

to the KL International Airport here yesterday.

Chan said MCA under its new leadership would look into building genuine partnership in business with the various races.

He was commenting on the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that whenever possible, overseas Chinese should have true partnerships with locals so as to correct the long-held stereotypes that they were only focused on amassing wealth rather than contributing to socio-economic development of the country.

Dr Mahathir had also said that overseas Chinese should also work closely with the indigenous people of their host countries to reduce economic disparities between them.