

# Ling on criteria for leadership change

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The stability of a party and a trained successor are the criteria needed before changes can be initiated in a political party, former MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said.

This was to ensure that the party continues to be stable after the incumbent decides to step down, he said.

Commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for veteran Barisan Nasional politicians to make way for new faces in the general election, Dr Ling said he believed that some veteran politicians wanted to step down and make preparations for a smooth change.

Changes should be accepted as a friendly dynamic process and not viewed as the "enemy," he said after presenting scrolls to 370 affiliates of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) here yesterday.

Bong Ming Enn was the top performer in Malaysia for the June examinations while Sim Siew Huay and Jonathan Yeow Hock Sing shared the second placing.

Chee Yee Fen and Chang Huey Yueh were in the joint third position.

In his speech, Dr Ling said ACCA is the fastest growing and

largest professional organisation of accountants with 95,000 members all over the world, with eight per cent of them in Malaysia.

"Malaysia has the third largest student population outside Britain, with many of past Malaysian graduates being global award winners," he said.