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MCA WILL NOT SET UP PRO TEM PANELS IN NEW CONSTITUENCIES - DR TING

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- MCA will not set up pro tem committees in the newly created 25 parliamentary constituencies but instead will establish party election committees in the areas, party secretary-general Tan Sri Dr Ting Chew Peh said today.

"We want to face the general election first. We've directed the state liaison heads to identify the people to sit in these committees," he said.

He said MCA President Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting had directed the party's state liaison chiefs to identify as soon as possible potential office bearers for the 25 election committees.

State Chairmen would propose the names to be endorsed by the Presidential Council and the Central Committee (CC), the party's highest decision-making body, he told reporters after the party's Presidential Council meeting chaired by Ong at MCA headquarters today.

He said the party would set up proper divisions in the new constituencies only after the general election which is expected to be called in the next 18 months.

"The 25 election committees will more or less operate like a division. We want to work on the general election first, not the division," Dr Ting said.

He said there was a possibility of the election committee members be appointed divisional leaders in the new constituencies after the general election.

Dr Ting said the Presidential Council also agreed that the party's constitutional amendments allowing the party president, youth and wanita chiefs to hold their posts only for three terms or a maximum of nine years, would come into effect this term.

He said the council also discussed preparations for the party's 50th Annual General Assembly on Saturday to be opened by Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional (BN) Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"About 10 resolutions will be adopted covering topics like politics, party affairs, economy, education and social affairs," he said.

Dr Ting also said the Presidential Council had endorsed the office bearers' list for three State MCA youth committees.

They are Negeri Sembilan, Penang and Federal Territory, he added.

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