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MCA CHIEF PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT FOR ABDULLAH AS PRIME MINISTER

PENANG, April 27 (Bernama) -- MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik has pledged full support and cooperation for Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who becomes Prime Minister of Malaysia this October.

Dr Ling, the leader of the second biggest party in the Barisan Nasional, said Abdullah was a Malaysian at heart and a leader of great integrity who took seriously the problems faced by all races in this country.

"Yesterday he resolved the problem faced by the Iban community over the banning of their Bible, Bup Kudus, and today he is with us, the Chinese community and tomorrow he will be meeting the Malay business people," he said.

The MCA President was speaking at a subscription dinner in aid of the Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) Fund here last night. Abdullah who is acting Prime Minister was also present.

Dr Ling pointed out that Abdullah had played golf also in aid of the fund from morning till afternoon and also attended the dinner for the same cause.

This showed that Abdullah gave top priority to education particularly higher education for the present and future generation of young Malaysians, he said.

Dr Ling, who is Federal Transport Minister, said he very much valued his long standing friendship with Abdullah who was always sincere and concerned over the welfare of all Malaysians.

Speaking at the dinner, Abdullah said the MCA President was a dedicated Malaysian leader who always gave constructive views.

The acting Prime Minister said that he too valued their friendship and was happy to see Dr Ling's success in leading the MCA and setting up UTAR which was an institution of higher learning symbolising the people's support.

"The MCA has always attached high importance for the education of the children apart from its various other projects," he said.

Abdullah said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had always wanted Malaysians to be skillful and highly knowledgeable to enable them to jointly make Malaysia the most developed among developing countries.

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