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MCA VICE-PRESIDENT VACANCIES WILL NOT BE FILLED DURING AGM - TING

KUALA LUMPUR, July 2 (Bernama) -- MCA will not fill the vacancies for its two vice-presidential positions during the party's annual general assembly in August, its Secretary-General, Tan Sri Dr Ting Chew Peh, said today.

He said this was because the Central Committee (CC), the party decision-making body, could either fill the vacancies or leave it to members to decide at the next party elections in 2005.

"Under the party constitution, there is no need to fill the vacancies at the moment...the CC has decided not to fill the vacant posts," he told reporters here today.

The CC at a meeting on June 13 had decided not to fill the posts until a "suitable time".

Dr Ting was asked if the two positions, which fell vacant following the elevation of vice-presidents Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting and Datuk Chan Kong Choy to party president and deputy president, respectively, on May 23 would be filled at the annual general assembly on Aug 10.

The two were elevated when Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and Datuk Seri Lim Ah Lek resigned from their respective posts under the peace plan to resolve the internal dispute between two factions in the party.

The other two party vice-presidents are Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn and Datuk Chua Jui Meng.

On the party's general assembly, Ting said it would be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Aug 10.

The meetings of the Youth and Wanita sections would be held a day earlier. The MCA Youth AGM will be officiated the deputy president and that of the Wanita MCA by the party secretary-general.

Dr Ting also said that MCA would organise a salutation ceremony and farewell dinner for Dr Ling on July 26 to honour him for his contributions to the party, the community and the nation.

"The ceremony starts at 2pm at Dewan San Choon, Wisma MCA, and will be followed by dinner at the Mines Resort Hotel in Seri kembangan at 7pm," he said.

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