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MCA MEMBERS ARE FED UP WITH PARTY INFIGHTING

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 27 (Bernama) -- MCA members are getting fed up with the on-going infighting in the party, according to Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

"I think our members are fed up with this unnecessary undercurrents. Our members must go forward, our projects must go on, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) must go on and these are too important to be undermined by these infighting," he told reporters after chairing the MCA presidential council meeting at Wisma MCA here.

Dr Ling was asked to comment on party Secretary General Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh's statement in a Chinese daily here today that the party was still split with members still fighting for power.

In the interview with the Sin Chew Daily yesterday, Dr Ting talked about the strong undercurrents against the party leadership and noted that the peace plan, brokered by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, had not totally solved the conflict in the party.

The party is currently split into "Team A" aligned to the party president while "Team B" is aligned to his deputy, Datuk Seri Lim Ah Lek.

Dr Ling said the MCA was very grateful to Dr Mahathir as his peace plan helped to maintain the party's leadership status-quo for another three years.

On today's Presidential Council meeting, Dr Ling said a MCA task force, headed by a central committee member Datuk Hon Choon Kim would be set up soon to deal with problems relating to enrolment into universities. Hon is also a Deputy Education Minister.

Dr Ling said this was in particular to help last year's STPM students with good results to gain admission to local universities.

He also announced that the Chang Ming Thien Foundation, of which he was the chairman, had allocated RM2 million for a revolving loan fund to help students from poor families further their studies at UTAR.

"The loan will be interest free and only meant for students who come from poor family background," he said.

Dr Ling also announced five new MCA bureau chairmen with the Publicity Bureau being headed by Datuk Wong See Wah.

The others are Datuk Tan Chai Ho (Public Services and Complaint Bureau), Datuk Chor Chee Heung (International Affairs), Datuk Lim Si Cheng (Parliamentary Co-ordinating Bureau) and Chew Mei fun (Senior Citizen Bureau).

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