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Sabah-MCA (Resolutions)

SABAH MCA ACCEPTS DR MAHATHIR'S DECISION TO RETIRE IN OCTOBER

SANDAKAN, July 20 (Bernama) -- Request for seats in the coming state and parliamentary elections in Sabah, a call on Kota Kinabalu City Hall to reduce parking rates as well as expressing support for the national leadership, are among the resolutions adopted at the Sabah MCA Convention here today.

The resolutions were contained under three headings -- political, party matters and social.

Under the political resolution, the convention resolved to respect and accept Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision to retire in October and to give full support to his successor Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The Sabah MCA also urged the party's central leadership to get Sabah MCA involved in the coming state and parliamentary elections.

Under the social resolution, the Sabah MCA urged the state government to obtain more funds under the Eighth Malaysia Plan mid-term review to upgrade basic facilities particularly water supply in Sandakan.

Sabah MCA also urged the government to address traffic congestion in major towns and to build more low-cost housing to meet the demand in Sabah.

It also urged the Kota Kinabalu City Hall to reduce parking rates within the capital city.

Under the party matters, the convention congratulated and expressed full support for Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting and Datuk Chan Kong Choy as the national MCA president and deputy president respectively.

Sabah MCA also recorded its thanks to former MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and former deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek for their contribution to the party and the Chinese Community.

The resolutions were adopted at the end of the one-day convention which was earlier opened by Ong.

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