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THREE MONTHS FOR STATE MCA TO GIVE FEEDBACK ON CONSTITUTION REVIEW

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 15 (Bernama) -- The MCA Central Committee (CC) today decided to give state committees three months to give feedback on the party's proposal to review its constitution, party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said the proposal, made by delegates at the last General Assembly, had so far received very few feedback.

MCA secretary-General Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh, who is also MCA Constitution Review Committee chairman had reported to the CC that he had written to all division chiefs on the matter but very very few had responded.

"We're giving all the states another three months and Dr Ting will go round to gather the feedback," he told reporters after chairing the CC meeting at Wisma MCA here.

Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister, said several proposals were made at the last General Assembly by the delegates, which include to limit the tenure of office-bearers, including that of party president to three terms or nine years.

Proposals were also received to limit the tenure of ministers, state executive councillors and councillors of local authorities reserved for MCA members so that more party leaders and members be given the chance to serve in government posts.

Other proposals are to abolish unnecessary party posts apart from reducing the number of delegates from each division.

The assembly decided that a party constitution review committee be formed to deal with the proposal. The committee headed by Dr Ting had asked the 166 divisions nationwide to give their feedback on the matter.

"The fact is that, we are not happy with the feedback (from the divisions)," Dr Ting told reporters when asked to elaborate after the meeting.

Dr Ling also said today's meeting unanimously recorded its gratefulness and thanks to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, for gracing the ground-breaking of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Utar) in Bandar Baru Kampar on Sunday.

"We also thank the Prime Minister for offering a government grant to Utar," he said.

Dr Ling also said the party's 54th anniversary celebrations would be held in Johor Baharu on March 2.

The theme for this year's anniversary is "Unite for dignity."

He also said the CC noted that many schools with very poor passing marks scored better results after they were placed under the "Langkawi Project."

The MCA would continue to help the schools, he said.

On the Chang Ming Thien Fund, Dr Ling said the trustees, mostly comprising MCA leaders had won the case in court and would take action to resolve the accumulated interests and capital.

On Nov 27, 1980, Chang Ming Thien undertook to set up a RM10 million charitable foundation called "Chang Ming Thien Foundation" and agreed that nominees of the Multi-Purpose Holdings, which was then controlled by MCA to decide on the management and control of the foundation.

However, after Chang died, his family took legal action to seek control over the foundation. Only in November last year, the court ruled that

Multi-Purpose Holdings maintain control of the foundation.

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