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YOUTH TASK FORCE DOES NOT OVERLAP WITH MCA PARENT BODY PANEL - ONG

KUALA LUMPUR, July 2 (Bernama) -- The functions of the MCA Youth's Special Task Force formed today comprising representatives from the two feuding factions in the movement does not duplicate the role of the party's parent body committee set up earlier to resolve internal problems in the movement.

MCA Youth chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat said the five-member Special Task Force headed by him would focus its attention to tackle internal problems in the movement at the grassroots level while the three-man MCA parent body committee would solve the movement's problems at a higher level -- states and divisions.

"Actually, the functions of the five-member committee does not overlap with that of the three-man panel of the MCA parent body.

"The two committees actually complement each other," he told reporters after chairing MCA Youth's executive committee meeting here today.

He was asked about the functions of the MCA Special Task Force which seemed to overlap with the parent body committee set up earlier on the directive of MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting and his deputy Datuk Chan Kong Choy as the two panels were established to resolve internal problems in the movement.

MCA Youth secretary-general Loh Seng Kok was reported to have said earlier that the MCA parent body committee headed by Central Committee (CC) member Datuk Hon Choon Kim was formed to resolve internal problems in the movement.

Melaka MCA chief Datuk Wira Poh Ah Tiam and CC member Datuk Fu Ah Kiow are the two other members of the parent body committee.

Two days ago, Ong had said the MCA Youth would set up a five-man Special Task Force to resolve the problems in the movement, including filling up the vacant positions in the movement at the state level.

He said the task force was formed following his recent meeting with Ka Ting and Chan with the hope to overcome the internal problems in the movement.

The other four members of the task force are deputy youth chief Hoo Seong Chang, two youth secretaries-general Liow Tiong Lai and Loh Seng Kok and national youth organising secretary Tan Yoke Ching.

Ong said he was in constant consultation with members of the MCA parent body committee and they have agreed to enlarge the committee to take in four more members from the youth movement.

He also said the movement had agreed to hold a dialogue with the authorities responsible for disbursing micro credit loans under the economic stimulus package announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on May 21.

Ong said a dialogue would also be held with the Chinese guilds and associations and religious bodies to gather feedback on the National Service Bill 2003.

"We also discussed appeals to the MCA Youth Education Bureau by students whose applications to enter local universities have been rejected despite having good results," he said.

Appeals by students with 9A's whose applications for scholarships have been turned down by the Public Service Department were also discussed, he added.

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