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Dr Ling pledges to continue serving MCA

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, who stepped down as MCA's longest-serving president last month, said today he will continue serving the party in whatever capacity he can.

"MCA has been very kind and generous to me and I will contribute back to the party," he said after launching the MBF MCA Affinity Card Programme at the MCA headquarters - his first public function since Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad accepted his resignation as Transport Minister on May 28.

He declined to say what role he would play in the party and Barisan Nasional, but pledged to continue raising funds for the MCA-run Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman. (Utar).

The MBF MCA Affinity Card is a credit card issued by MBF Cards Sdn Bhd, targeted at the over one million party members with the aim of raising funds for Utar.

Under the programme, 0.1 per cent of all retail spending charged to the card and a portion of the card's annual fees will be channelled to the Utar fund.

Present today were MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting, party central committee members, MBF Cards president Datuk Loy Teik Ngan and chairman Datuk Kalimullah Masheerul Hassan who is also Bernama chairman.

Dr Ling stepped down from MCA on May 23, after 17 years, and a week later, Dr Mahathir accepted his resignation from the Cabinet.