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MCA peace plan has no bearing on candidates list

GOPENG, Sun. - The MCA peace plan, which maintains the status quo of all office-bearers from divisional level upward until 2005, has no bearing on the party's list of candidates for the general election.

Party secretary-general Datuk Seri Dr Ting Chew Peh said today the no-contest formula was adopted to solve the party's internal squabble and should have no effect on the process of choosing the candidates.

"It's the responsibility of MCA and Barisan Nasional leaders and they have their own formula to prepare the list," he said after hosting the Chinese New Year open house for his constituents at Gopeng MCA office here today.

MCA central committee had on April 23 last year agreed on the peace plan initiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

It retains the status quo of leaders at divisional, State and Federal-level from both Team A, which is being led by party president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and Team B which is headed by deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek.

"Under the same plan, everyone has agreed that Dr Ling will lead the party until 2005, unless he plans to resign."

Meanwhile, Ting said MCA would set up election committees at all levels soon as a preparation for the general election.