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MCA Youth road shows to get Chinese to join police

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - MCA Youth is looking into organising road shows, campaigns and talks throughout the country to attract more Chinese youths to join the police force.

Its secretary-general Liow Tiong Lai said the youth wing supported the move by police to go all out to recruit more Chinese to boost their numbers in the force.

"Safeguarding the country and its people should be placed in the hands of all Malaysians, regardless of their ethnic backgrounds.

"Bearing this in mind, the MCA Youth would be having discussions on how to help the police force get the participation from the Chinese community. We will also work closely with Bukit Aman and the respective State Police contingent headquarters on this matter.

"We will mobilise our grassroot leaders to reach out to the community, especially youths, and explain the importance of joining not only the police force but also the armed forces and, in general, the civil service," he said.

Liow had been asked to comment on a statement by Federal Police Management deputy director Datuk Talib Jamal on the force seeking help from the Chinese associations and clans to organise talks on career prospects in the force for the Chinese community.

"We would also be printing pamphlets in Chinese, explaining the importance and opportunities available in the civil service, especially in the police force, armed forces and other uniformed services, to be distributed to the community.

"We want a balanced racial composition in the civil service and this is also in line with the call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the same matter in the private sector."

Liow added that each race in the country had its own strengths and if all of the races could contribute to serve the police force, the country would surely see the strength of the force further enhanced.

Asked if the salary was a deterrent, Liow said people should look beyond that.

"The public, especially the Chinese community, is not well informed ...the people have to look beyond the salary as joining the force has its long-term benefits such as pension, respect and other perks.

"There are more long-term benefits if one joins the civil service and it is also patriotism," he said.