

# WILL *of* IRON

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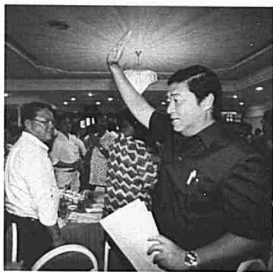
“ *Malaysia's plural society comprising various cultures and religions is a source of strength and not an obstacle to progress.* ”

—Ling Liong Sik



Dato' Seri Dr. Ling Liong Sik, an elected people's representative since 1974, is a senior Malaysian cabinet minister. He is the president of the second largest political party in Malaysia, the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), with a total membership nearing 650,000 Malaysians of Chinese origin. Though he is the highest-ranking political leader of the Malaysian Chinese community, he performs effectively as an all-rounded Malaysian political leader. Ling is a man with strong principles, and putting principle above popularity is his style. He stands firm in defending the constitutional rights of Malaysian Chinese citizens and at the same time works very hard at promoting racial unity in Malaysia. He believes ardently in building a strong and united Malaysian nation. He always stresses that the diversity of the Malaysian plural society has emerged as a source of strength for the country and not as an obstacle to progress. He has succeeded in instilling confidence in the Malaysian Chinese community - that today, the Malaysian Chinese are no less Chinese, but instead are more Malaysian.

Ling, as a person, is well-known for his values of humility, hard work, sincerity, respect for others, having a caring attitude, being positive in his thinking and having a visionary outlook. A cool and calm leader, he is determined to serve the people and to build a strong Malaysian society and hence a strong nation. And he has the will of iron to achieve it.



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*"I don't think of the next election.  
I think of the next generation."*