

MCA: Help build nation

Join efforts
regardless of
background,
Chinese urged

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Chinese are urged to take part in the nation-building process irrespective of their education background.

MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting said the Chinese were no longer divided into the English-educated or Chinese-educated groups as most of them were trilingual.

"Like my deputy Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy and myself, we can speak in three languages," he said at MCA's Nine-Point Party Platform (9PPP) seminar.

He said the seminar was organised for the English-educated members who had expressed their wish to attend more party activities conducted in English.

"Most of the party activities are conducted in Mandarin, therefore we hope through this seminar we can explain to this group of members the 9PPP introduced by the party," he said.

MCA vice-president Datuk Dr Chua Solibek, who is chairman of the seminar, said most of the English-educated



GOOD PLAN: Ong (wearing jacket) checking out the 9PPP booklet after the seminar at Wisma MCA in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. With him are (from left) vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Fong Chan Onn, Chan, Dr Chua and organising chairman Datuk Lee Hwa Beng.

members were professionals who could play a better role if they understood the party's struggles.

At another function, Ong urged members to learn and master new skills and improve the pioneering spirit of MCA.

"We have entered the computer age, in which the entire world is able to communicate almost instantaneously.

"Through computers and cell phones, we are able to make world-wide communication, gather or disseminate data at anytime and any

where," he said at the Selangor MCA convention.

"Unless we adapt to the changes and modernise our party, we will be engulfed and rendered hapless by the powerful wave of modernisation," he said.