

MCA Youth: Need to build more Chinese schools

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KUALA LUMPUR: The MCA Youth has opposed a statement by Deputy Education Minister Datuk Noh Omar that the ministry will not build any Chinese primary school under the Ninth Malaysia Plan (9MP).

MCA Youth chief Datuk Liow Tiong Lai said Chinese primary schools had been part of the country's education and development agenda, adding that the development of these schools should continue.

"The building of these schools is needed as the country is developing rapidly and these schools are important in the development of human capital," he told a press confer-

ence after chairing the MCA Youth central committee meeting here yesterday.

It was reported that Noh told the Dewan Rakyat on Wednesday that his ministry would not build any Chinese or Tamil primary school under the 9MP because the Government was focusing on strengthening national schools by introducing Chinese and Tamil subjects.

Liow said the movement hoped that the Education Ministry would explain the statement and continue to build Chinese schools according to the needs of the people.

"We hope that the ministry will implement the wish of the

Chinese community by building more Chinese schools and increasing the allocation for these schools through the Cabinet," he added.

On whether he would meet with Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein and Noh to talk about the matter, he said:

"I have been communicating well with Hishammuddin and I have confidence in him resolving the problem."

On another matter, Liow said the movement would be launching "The Spirit of Rakyat Malaysia" campaign to instil the concept of co-operation and unity in a multi-racial society.