

Drive on the spirit of the rakyat

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysians should focus on promoting peace, harmony and progress in the country rather than on their differences.

In making this call, MCA Youth chairman Datuk Liow Tiong Lai said this was what made Malaysia a "progressive, farsighted and successful" nation in just 50 years.

"Let us continue to work together and not expend our energies debating on what we are as we are all already *rakyat* Malaysia," he said yesterday at

the launch of "The Spirit of Rakyat Malaysia" campaign at Wisma MCA here.

The campaign is jointly organised by MCA Youth and Beliawanis. Also present was Beliawanis chairman Carol Chew.

At a press conference later, Liow said a series of forums, seminars and exhibitions would be organised nationwide starting next year, aimed at instilling the spirit of *rakyat* Malaysia.

"The programme also aims to

realise a liberal, transparent and competitive environment for all citizens so as to generate greater economic wealth and sustainable development," he said.

MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting launched the campaign logo at the ceremony earlier.

Former Dewan Negara president Tan Sri Michael Chen, former ambassador to the United Nations Datuk P.G. Lim and lawyer Lim Heng Seng also spoke at the forum.