

Pledge to help in varsity entry

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KANGAR: The MCA is committed to helping students who fail to get places in public universities, its deputy president Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy said.

He said it was a tradition for MCA Youth to forward the students' appeals to the Higher Education Ministry.

"We will continue to help those who think they are qualified and are left out from the process of being admitted to public universities," he

told reporters after opening the Perlis MCA convention at Dewan MCA here yesterday.

Chan said the party was merely providing a channel for the students to appeal, and that some of them had been successful in getting places at the universities.

He said such appeals would exist as long as there continued to be limited seats offered at public universities.

"I do not think there is one country where public universities can take in all the qualified young people. That is why we have private

universities to complement them."

Last week, MCA Youth chief Datuk Liow Tiong Lai said the Youth wing recently submitted appeal letters from 1,358 students to the Higher Education Ministry.

Liow noted that about 20% of the applicants had a CGPA of 3.0 and above.

On the party's call on divisions to form branches for members below 35 years of age, Chan said each division should have at least one such branch.

The MCA has 162 divisions and about 4,000 branches nationwide.