

Know-how matters most

Ong: Learn new things or risk being left behind

CAMERON HIGHLANDS: Malaysians need to grasp new technologies quickly or be left behind, says MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting.

He said having a strong knowledge of technological advances and practices was vital in the age of globalisation.

"Without it, we will be left behind in the mainstream of development and not be able to catch up," he said at the party's 57th anniversary dinner organised by the Cameron Highlands MCA division here on Friday.

Urging the people to ensure their progress by changing their attitude towards learning, Ong said the MCA had introduced its lifelong learning programme to help them face the challenges of this new era.

"The MCA hopes that it can motivate the people to start acquiring knowledge which would be considered useful in keeping up with the times," he added.



FRUITY GIFT: Ong (centre) receiving a fruit basket from Cameron Highlands MCA division chief Ching Yan during the anniversary dinner on Friday. With them are (from left) MCA Youth chief Datuk Liow Tiong Lai, Ong's wife Datin Seri Wendy Ong and MCA Wanita chief Datuk Or Ng Yen Yen.

Ong, who had earlier visited farms here, also commended local vegetable farmers and "flower growers for their initiatives in improving agriculture processes.

"Drawing from their own experi-

ences and integrating them with knowledge learnt from others, farmers have not only managed to increase their yields and production but some have even come up with their own machinery.

"They are the true examples of what lifelong learning is about," said Ong.

It was, however, imperative for Malaysians to hold on to their roots while expanding the scope of their knowledge, he added.