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Contributions of all communities recognised in revised module

KUALA LUMPUR: The contributions of all communities in nation-building have now been recognised by the revised Ethnic Relations module, said MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting.

He added that the uniqueness of the country's multiracial society with different religions was also included in the revised module.

Describing the revised version as

"balanced overall", Ong, who is Housing and Local Government Minister, said it was different from the controversial first module that was withdrawn on the order of the Cabinet last year.

"MCA ministers have put forward our views when this matter was discussed in the Cabinet," he said, adding that the party had sought the views of history and religious schol-

ars when preparing the documents.

"We submitted documents on the historical facts and also universal values practised by the non-Malays as an input for the module," he said.

"What we hope to see from now on is university students also learning how all ethnic groups had worked together to achieve independence as well as their nation-

building efforts.

"Racial harmony is of utmost value in nation-building, which involves the different cultures, religions and traditions of all communities in the country.

"This is the attraction and strength of our country. Our young generation should understand and appreciate the unity in diversity," he said.