

# Ka Ting: Unity vital for growth

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## Work together, Chinese community urged

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Chinese community in Malaysia should be unified besides using their energy and resources to contribute to society, said MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting.

"Unity is important for development instead of having too many internal contradictions, which does not benefit society," he told reporters yesterday after attending the Federation of Hokkien Associations of Malaysia Chinese New Year celebrations.

He said there were positive indicators for the country this year including the implementation of many projects under the 9th Malaysia Plan, better international trade earnings, and more tourists due to Visit Malaysia 2007.

"So, with all these indicators, I urge the Chinese community to work hard

**»I urge the Chinese community to help in achieving economic growth and stability«**

DATUK SERI ONG KA TING

and help in achieving economic growth and stability," he said.

Earlier in his speech, Ong said the country has had its share of ups and downs since gaining independence 50

years ago when all the races laid the foundation early on in the fight for independence.

This, he said was different from other Asean countries where the Chinese did not get involved in politics or the struggle for independence until much later.

"Our roots are here and because we are citizens of this country, we will continue to help make policies fair for every one," he said.

He added that the community should also be ready to face globalisation and expressed hope that they pick up more knowledge.

"I hope all the clan associations will help to organise more seminars or talks so that the people can improve themselves especially through the lifelong learning concept," Ong said.

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