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Full recognition of UEC coming soon

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KUALA LUMPUR: The process of attaining full recognition for the Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) is in its last lap.

The Chinese community has placed its hope in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to give the much needed final push, said MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai.

“Sir, it is our hope that you will speed up this process for the recognition of UEC by public universities,” he said at the opening of MCA’s 63rd annual general meeting here yesterday.

“The Chinese community eagerly awaits this positive development.”

The process to gain recognition for UEC started some two decades ago.

Liow said Najib, who was Education Minister in 1996, amended the Private Education Act and with that the UEC was accepted by all private institutions of higher learning.

The UEC, he added, was subsequently recognised by the Malaysia Institute of Higher Learning for Teachers.

Liow said the party was also proud that its Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TARUC) signed a significant collaboration agreement with China’s top university – the 105-year-old Tsinghua University.



Meeting of minds: Najib speaking to Dong Zong chairman Datuk Lau Lee Ming after the opening of MCA’s 63rd annual general meeting in Kuala Lumpur. Looking on are (from left) Jiao Zong chairman Datuk Ong Chiew Chuen, Liow and MCA deputy president Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong.

“Tsinghua is like the Oxford and Cambridge of the East,” he said.

“This single honour given to a Malaysian institute of higher learn-

ing founded by MCA is great recognition of our efforts to serve the community.”

TARUC was Tunku Abdul Rahman

College, which the MCA set up in 1969 to provide more tertiary education opportunities to the people and with affordable fees.