

MCA To Give RM100 To Members Aged 60 And Above
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- MCA will give a token sum of RM100 to all its members aged 60 and above and RM200 to all party members or their wives after delivery, starting from January 2012, party president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek said Monday.

He said the RM100 "ang pow" was to show the party's appreciation for their contributions as currently there were about 300,000 senior members who have been with MCA for over 30 years.

"It is a token sum of appreciation and to say thank you to them. This is the first time that we have decided to do this. We will see the response and if the process can be implemented in an orderly manner ... if feedback from all the branches is good, then why not (we implement on a yearly basis)?" he told reporters after chairing an MCA Central Committee meeting, here.

He said it was CC's decision to allocate the awards through the branches and the exercise will be supervised by National Organising Secretary Datuk Tee Siew Kiong while the distribution of the "ang pow" for newborn babies of MCA members and their spouses will be led by MCA Deputy President Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, who is also the Health Minister.

At the press conference, Dr Chua also said that the party will hold a meeting with the boards and school principals of all conforming schools or national type secondary schools (SMJK) on Nov 21.

He said the main agenda of the meeting is to gather the information and to ensure that all 78 schools have their infrastructure and equipment upgraded or repaired.

"This meeting is a follow-up to the meeting which the MCA held with Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on helping conforming schools based on need.

"Therefore, we see that MCA lives by its words through concrete action. Our party has urged that more infrastructure development assistance from the federal government be channelled to government-aided schools and, through the meeting and feedback obtained, a clearer picture would detail the needs of each of the 78 SMJKs," he said.

He chided the PKR-DAP-PAS opposition pact for promises they made in the last election to aid vernacular schools, saying that so far no opposition state government has ever allocated any land to construct a Chinese school in areas with a dense Chinese population, such as in Puchong.

Dr Chua also voiced his disappointment over certain news portals which he said had inaccurately reported that the MCA representatives at the public hearing of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Electoral Reform had said that "Malaysians overseas were out of touch". He said MCA did not define Malaysians abroad as being "out of touch".

"This is not true and the representatives and central committee had denied releasing such a

statement. Another MCA Central Committee member Tan Sri Dr Fong Chan Onn, who attended the PSC public hearing as a member of the panel, confirmed that the alleged statement was never uttered," he said.

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