

MCA reps to meet DPM
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BIDOR: MCA will present a model of the upcoming Chinese school to be built in Kuantan to Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek said he and his deputy Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai and MCA Youth chief cum Deputy Education Minister Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong would meet Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, to discuss the model during the meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

Asked to elaborate on the model, Dr Chua said it would nurture talent who would also be multi-lingual to meet the needs of the nation and its Economic Transformation Programmes.

"We are fast moving towards being a high-income nation," he said, pointing out that multi-lingual (English, Chinese and Bahasa Malaysia) talent had become an increasingly important asset to Malaysia whose economy is trading, service and export-oriented.

This, he said, was also a worldwide phenomenon where multi-lingual talents had proven to be an asset.

Dr Chua said he had discussed with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Muhyiddin about Chinese Independent schools and the importance of Chinese education. Both leaders had accepted the development on the matter.

He said the Government would find a way to increase the number of independent schools to nurture tri-lingual talents.

Dr Chua said the importance of being trilingual was evident, adding that Najib's son who also studied Chinese had chosen to work in Beijing to enhance his command of the language.

On the proposal for an independent school in Kuantan, he said he would brief MCA leaders during the party's central committee meeting in Kuala Lumpur tomorrow.

In another development, Dr Chua said MCA's one million strong membership was expected to increase by another 100,000 this year.

He said there was good response from the community, especially after the party had put in place the 1MCA personal accident insurance and bereavement aid for members.

Under the scheme, family members of the deceased would get RM10,000 compensation if the death was caused by accident and another RM4,000 bereavement aid.

Family members would only get the bereavement aid if the death was not due to an accident.

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