

Unite To Transform Party, Liow Urge MCA Members
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- MCA members must close ranks and consolidate their strength towards transforming the party for the better, urged its president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai.

Making the call at the party's 65th anniversary celebration at Wisma MCA here, Sunday, Liow said MCA, which had suffered heavily in the past two general elections, could not afford to waste more time nor should it wait for proper conditions to strike for it to consolidate.

He said unity now was crucial to enable the party to continue flourishing and not disappoint its members and the Chinese community.

"We do not have the capital to continue infighting. All we need to do is to consolidate all our positive energy, work with a united spirit, and pull MCA up from the depths," he said.

As such, he also urged party members to maintain party discipline, adding that any differences in opinions should be settled through internal procedures and not resort to destroying the party's image in public.

Liow said faced with the challenges of post 13th General Election, the party was willing to be humble and review its weaknesses, as well as, address the reasons for being rejected by the people.

"MCA's self-reflection is definitely not a finger-pointing exercise, nor is it an excuse for us to give up. Rather, it is a beginning, a point where MCA can rejuvenate and move forward to accept new challenges.

"We can only change if we take the bull by the horns," he added.

On another development, Liow who won the presidency in the party election last December said, Central Committee members had attended a brainstorming camp last month to discuss the party's Transformation Blueprint.

He said results from the camp, among others which require leaders to continue listening to grassroots in order to perform better, and to let everyone be involved in the transformation plan, will be published soon.

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