

MCA plans to get more young members

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MUAR: MCA wants to set up more branches, paving the way for the younger generation to join the party, its president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting said.

The branches would be led and managed by youths with backing from party leaders from all levels, he said.

"They will be given total freedom in organising activities of their choice and would not be forced to do that which they don't like.

"We want to attract those aged between 21 and 35 to join the party," he told reporters after opening the Johor MCA convention here yesterday.

Ong said fewer than 10% of the party members were below 35 years and the party hoped to double the number with the new youth branches.

He said party leaders should learn from the outcome of the Sarawak elections results.

"They should be more committed in looking after the voters and not wait for elections to do so," he said.

He said MCA supported the integration programme for students mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badwi when he was Education Minister many years ago.