

Liow: Bosses and employees need each other for success

PETALING JAYA: The relationship between employer and employee has evolved into a situation where both complement each other to achieve success, said MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai.

In his Labour Day message, Liow said the relationship was no longer a "situation of master and servant".

"What workers want now are work environments that allows them to exert their creativity and skills and surpass themselves.

"Hence, a successful enterprise appreciates talent and a farsighted Government will work towards an open, free and improved environment to attract talent.

"In such a competitive era, our national policy must not only focus in nurturing talent but to also provide them the platform to unleash their capability, so that the nation can move faster towards its high income nation goal," he said in a statement yesterday.

Liow said the launch of the Malaysian Global Innovation and Creative Centre (MaGIC) by US President Barack Obama during his visit to

Malaysia recently showed the Government's efforts to nurture local talent.

The centre provides funds to support the country's innovative and creative industries, the registration of intellectual property, training and guidance.

"If Labour Day in the past was a campaign of struggle, Labour Day today means self-improvement, self-development and a pursuit of competitiveness for both employers and employees," he said.

Liow said that MCA would continue to assist in grooming the country's talent.

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman and the Tunku Abdul Rahman University College founded by MCA, he said, had trained more than 25,000 and 180,000 students respectively.

He said MCA would work harder to serve in the education sector.

"Labour Day every year marks the struggle of workers battling for employees' welfare and safeguarding their rights.

"We at MCA salute you and wish you all a meaningful Happy Labour Day," he said.