

Chinese aides plan gets more support

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Appointees will help PM make the right judgment, says Suqiu

PETALING JAYA, Thurs: The move to appoint a non-political Chinese special assistant and the first Chinese press secretary to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has received more support from various quarters.

The Malaysian Chinese Organisations' Election Appeals Committee (Suqiu) secretary Ser Choon Ing said the impending appointments will help the prime minister to make the right judgment.

"The move is good for a multi-racial country like Malaysia," he said.

Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall Youth chairman Lee Shok Jing also welcomed the move, but said that it would be better if the assistants could work together with others as a team.

"Currently, it looks like the appointments are merely to serve the Chinese community," she said.

Dong Jong deputy chairman Yap Sin Tian said the impending appointments

may improve the gap of the Chinese community and the government.

However, Yap said the two are not in a position to make any decision on urgent matters, especially in relation to Chinese education.

"Thus, not all the root causes of the (community's) problems can be solved with the appointments.

"We hope that these two officers would help make a change in reviewing the policy and education system for the Chinese community," he

said.

Meanwhile, DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang said in a statement that the impending appointments show that MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik has failed to get the cabinet to provide additional admissions to public universities for top SPM and STPM achievers.

He added that it is high time that the prime minister has someone who could convey to him the legitimate needs and aspirations of the Malaysian Chinese.