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Questions over post, quota system dominates debate

QUESTIONS over the creation of another youth secretary-general's post, the quota system and educational issues dominated the debates on the resolutions at the MCA Youth assembly yesterday.

Federal Territory delegate Lee Boon Kok said MCA should assist Bumiputeras to become independent and compete globally.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had often lamented about the Malays being very dependent on subsidies and quotas and it was only right for non-Bumiputeras to help the race.

On the creation of another secretary-general's post, Lee said he respected both office-bearers - Loh Seng Kok and Liow Tiong Lai - as they were his seniors in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

He added both had contributed, in their own way, to the betterment of the Chinese community and expressed optimism that they would continue doing so.

Pahang delegate Wong Ban Seng said the Government should look into the shortage of Chinese schools teachers immediately.

"Next year, each school needs at least one counselling teacher. By my estimate, there will be a shortage of over 9,000 teachers in primary Chinese schools next year," said Wong.

Negri Sembilan delegate Siow Kai Voon said members should not be fooled by the DAP's "Reject 929" propaganda which opposed the announcement that Malaysia was an Islamic State.

"The DAP was kicked out of the Opposition front. They say they oppose the setting up of an Islamic State but what have they done over Pas' proposal to introduce hudud in Terengganu?"

Gan Ping Shou of Johor supported the Government's plan to allocate more than 10 per cent quota for non-Bumiputera students in Mara Junior Science Colleges to encourage competition among the students there.

Yeong Kian Heng, also from Johor, said MCA was the third-largest Chinese-based party in the world after the Communist Party of China and Kuomintang in Taiwan.

"These two parties only had one secretary-general. Why is it that MCA Youth needs two secretaries-general?"

"I wish both of them good luck," Yeong said to applause and jeers from the floor.

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