

'MCA Youth must persevere like Autobots'

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MCA Youth chief Wee Ka Siong urged the movement to remain steadfast and serve the public despite having been abandoned by voters in the 2008 general election.

Addressing the MCA Youth annual general meeting today, Wee said that MCA Youth must emulate the attitudes of the protagonist Autobots in the sci-fi blockbuster 'Transformer 3: Dark of the Moon'.

mca youth agm 011011 wee ka siong "In the film, the Autobots loyally fought for and defended the human race, but because of the actions of the Decepticons, the relationship between humans and the autobots were affected and humans reacted by chasing the autobots away.

"However, the Autobots did not leave the humans - not Optimus Prime nor Bumble Bee. They stayed and fought to the end for the humans and managed to defeat the Decepticons,"

"I am not saying that we are Transformers, but we do have the spirit that is possessed by the Autobots in the movie.

"Even though our spirit was never broken, we never left the people but we continued to fight for the people," said Wee.

He added that MCA Youth was fully supportive of reform efforts that will be introduced by the Najib administration, including improving the electoral process, allowing freedom of assembly and abolition of the Internal Security Act (ISA).

Be on target, like 'Angry Birds'

He described the change which MCA Youth is seeking as "rational" and "wise", unlike opposition parties which were using change as a platform to gain power.

"We are ready to face constructive and sincere criticism. We reject all accusations that are born out of selfish agendas.

mca youth agm 011011 girl "For example, if we play the popular game 'Angry Birds', we have to hit the target and cannot simply shoot as we like," he said.

Elaborating, Wee said that BN is being subject to unfair criticism which are at times of "a wanton nature" and warned that such attitudes were dangerous.

"This type of devil-may-care attitude that is unconcerned with what is right and wrong or what is black and white is not responsible.

"This type of attitude is intemperate and will bring about negative repercussions to the nation and its people," he said.

He warned the public that the opposition is not perfect and if left unchecked, society would lose the sense of what is right and wrong, putting the country in jeopardy.

Pakatan going backwards

Wee said although Pakatan Rakyat had been promising change, their policies have been at time retrogressive and reviving policies abandoned by BN.

As examples, he cites PAS-led Kedah state government "rigid" bumiputera quota for housing purchase and banning of entertainment activities during ramadhan.

Wee also cites Kelantan's banning of lottery sales and the Selangor Religious Affairs Department (Jais) raid on a church as other examples.

He said that Kedah DAP had once threatened to quit Pakatan Kedah over disagreements with government policies but such issues never happen in BN controlled states.

"(This is) because every policy that is implemented by BN takes into account the feelings of all races and the views of the component parties," he said.

Wee also trained his sights on Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim for failing to hit the RM150 million revenue target for sand mining, promised in his 2009 Budget speech, and later denying making such a promise.

He also flayed Pakatan Selangor for failing to keep its promise of awarding 10 plots of land for vernacular schools whereas Johor had done so recently.

Najib the true reformer

In contrast, Wee said Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has shown himself to be the true reformer with his efforts with his various transformation plans.

However, he said such efforts alone were not enough and all BN component parties must stop inter-component party conflicts and also adopt a new mindset.

He said that the new mindset should see BN leaders reacting to issues quickly as a delayed reaction would be too late and cause a negative perception among the public.

Secondly, he said BN must focus on attempts to expose "lies" by opposition parties, such as its failures to delivery on their 2008 general election promises.

And finally, he said that BN component parties must cooperate and be concerned about the welfare of voters from every race.

"This is one of the ways for BN to remain in federal power," he said.

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