

**Does MCA's public service come with strings attached?**  
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DAP national organising secretary Teresa Kok today questioned whether MCA was placing conditions to aid that it provides to the rakyat.

The Seputeh MP said in a statement that this seemed apparent, following MCA leaders' accusation that DAP representatives were "ungrateful" for criticising MCA despite receiving aid from it in earlier years.

According to Kok, being beneficiaries of MCA's public service does not change the fact that both MPs and people's representatives were voted in to voice the concerns of the rakyat.

"I, too, spent a year studying at (MCA-owned) Tunku Abdul Rahman College, but that does not allow me to abdicate my duties as a member of parliament to be the voice of the people and criticise the wrongdoings of the BN government, including MCA leaders.

NONE "The same goes for Teo Nie Ching and Chong Eng, who are MPs as well," Kok (left) said.

Teo has been heavily criticised by Negri Sembilan MCA chief Dr Yeow Chai Thiam for "not having shown gratitude" after he helped her ailing mother in 2009.

She has since denied this and claimed that she had personally thanked Yeow several times for his help.

Today, The Star reported that Sabah MCA vice-chairperson Chew Kok Wah has joined the fray by reminding Chong Eng, the Bukit Mertajam MP, that she had studied at Tunku Abdul Rahman College.

Grow up, MCA

Kok said that the incessant attacks on this front exposed the "petty and pointless attempts to score political points" by MCA leaders.

"Surely MCA does not expect Malaysians who accept any form of service from MCA, such as admission into Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman or funding from the 1MCA Medical Foundation, to be permanently indebted to MCA and thus, be in blind support of all of MCA's political ambitions thereafter?" she asked.

Advising MCA to "be sincere", she said that if this was the condition set for beneficiaries, then MCA should make it clear from the start and not engage in "childish" attacks later.

"The people are not interested to know how many 'thank you' notes MCA receives but how MCA can possibly divorce itself from Barisan Nasional's race-based politics... so that our children can have a brighter future," Kok added.