

**Soi Lek vs Guan Eng debate is on
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The show is on! MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek and DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng have both agreed to debate on the political future of the Chinese come the next general election.

The one-hour debate is scheduled to take place at 5pm on Feb 18 at Berjaya Times Square Hotel and will be conducted bilingually in Mandarin and English.

The debate is entitle 'Chinese at a Crossroads - Is the Two Party System Becoming a Two Race System?'

Malaysiakini has learnt that the debate is co-organised by the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (Asli) and the Institute of Strategic Analysis and Policy Research (Insap) - an MCA think tank - as one of the sessions during a political conference.

The conference, titled 'Malaysian Chinese at the Political Crossroads', will be officially opened by Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and attended by MCA leaders like deputy president Liow Tiong Lai and its veeps Chor Chee Heung, Gan Ping Sieu and Dr Ng Yen Yen.

Soi Lek has also confirmed a Twitter posting that he will be debating with Guan Eng.

It is learnt that both parties agree that the debate should be telecast live, and most probably it will be broadcast live on a TV station owned by the Media Prima Group.

According to the MCA Online website, the forum is open to the public but due to the venue's limited seating capacity, the organisers are trying to accommodate members of the parties invited as well as others.

"I wish to thank Lim Guan Eng for accepting the debate," said Soi Lek at a press conference after chairing the MCA central committee meeting at the party headquarters.

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