

Soi Lek won't contest in GE13
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Dr Chua Soi Lek will not be contesting in the general election, thus becoming the first MCA president not to be fielded.

Chua (right) said that this will help the party's rejuvenation process by allowing new faces to emerge, while also enabling him to lead MCA's campaign nationwide.

"Today I am walking the talk in allowing new and young leaders in the rejuvenation process so that the party will continue to remain relevant.

"For all these fights and articulations that I have been talking (about), it would be very self-serving if I were to declare myself as a candidate.

"I want to prove a point that I am fighting for a cause - that MCA remains relevant - and continue to lead the party without standing for an elected public office," said Chua in a press release today.

Chua said nearly half of the candidates that MCA will be fielding are comprised of new faces, and the party is confident that they have a formidable team who is able to "put up a good challenge".

'I'm a full-time president'

He added that this was part of the party's re-invigoration process, following its internal party squabbles between 2008 and 2010.

Chua noted that after he took helm in March 2010, he had worked full-time to turn the party around so that it was more focused, united and motivated.

"In the history of MCA, this is the first time that there is a full-time party president.

"I wish to continue that role in the general election where I can campaign full-time for BN candidates, particularly for MCA," he said.

Previously, Chua had claimed that he was a "winnable candidate anywhere I go", in response to his predecessor Ong Tee Keat's (above) claims that the former's sex scandal had bogged the party down.

