

## **'MCA and MIC playing race game over varsity intake'**

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BN component parties MCA and MIC are racialising the issue of university placements in order to perpetuate dependency on their existence - but to the detriment of the nation's talent pool, according to the DAP.

NONE "The DAP does not agree with the annual national obsession on race profiling by both MCA and MIC," said secretary-general Lim Guan Eng in a statement today.

"Both argue the serious issue of deprivation of university places in education solely from a racial perspective when it should be strictly from equal opportunity, excellence and performance.

"The DAP believes that both political parties are perpetuating the racial division annually to create a dependency syndrome to make both MCA and MIC still relevant, instead of institutionalising clear criteria for entry that are transparent."

Lim said the two parties and the government should instead focus on why qualified students cannot get places in local public universities based on merit.

university students multiracial "Depriving qualified students - including those with a CGPA of the maximum 4.0 - from (getting) places in public universities is not only a waste of top talent but will serve to drive away our best and brightest overseas," he said.

Yesterday both MCA and MIC had decried the reduced number of Chinese and Indian students in public universities this year despite an increase in overall intake.

MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek lamented that the increase had seen a proportional decrease in Chinese intake from 23 percent to 19 percent.

MIC treasurer Jaspal Singh flayed party member P Kamalanathan for failure as deputy education minister to end discrimination against Indians in education.

"Sadly, even Kamalanathan ... is a part of this deceitful trickery, issuing yesterday the hypocritical statement that matriculation is for all races," said Jaspal.

'Equal opportunity, please'

Lim said there should be no reason why qualified students cannot gain entry into public universities to pursue courses of their choice.

"The DAP believes that there should be equal opportunity for those with poorer backgrounds to public university places," he noted.

"There is no reason why in giving equal opportunity, those with top results including with a CGPA 4.0 are denied university places for the courses they seek."

He blamed the Education Ministry for failure to ensure fairness in university admission and for playing politics with the nation's talent pool.

"The future of our young is too important to be politicised or played about as an annual game," he added.

"As the public has lost confidence in the professionalism of the Education Ministry, an independent body such as an international auditing firm should be appointed instead to ensure that no qualified students loses out."

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