

There is no 'best timing' for MCA EGM

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There will never be a "best time" for MCA to hold its extraordinary general meeting (EGM) to review the party's resolution to reject federal cabinet positions, MCA EGM requisitioner Dr Mah Hang Soon said.

Responding to criticism over calling for an EGM before the Kajang by-election, Mah (right) said timing was not an issue in this case as any date ultimately chosen would never please everyone in the party.

"Who can tell us the best timing to join the cabinet? There's no perfect answer actually... I receive feedback from grassroots members every day and they want MCA to be in the government as soon as possible," the MCA central committee member said when contacted today.

Yesterday, former MCA vice-president Gan Ping Sieu had slammed the MCA leadership for "putting the cart before the horse" by mooting for an EGM in conjunction with the party's 65th anniversary celebration on Feb 23.

He had said it was the "wrong timing" as MCA must focus of defeating Pakatan Rakyat's candidate, opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim in the Kajang polls.

Last EGM four months ago

However, Mah, who is also party Perak liaison chairperson, said he had successfully collected more than 1,600 signatures from over 2,000 central delegates, passing the minimum one-third quota requirement listed in the party constitution.

"We will finalise the exact number (of signatures) tomorrow before handing over the list to secretary-general (Ong Ka Chuan)," he revealed.

Besides Mah, the two other EGM requisitionists are Selangor secretary Ng Chok Sin and Pulau division chairperson Chia Song Cheng.

They had proposed a "three-in-one package" by combining three different levels of government positions – federal, state and local government posts – into a single resolution to vote on.

In a joint-statement later issued today, the trio justified the main reason to push for another EGM barely four months after the last one in October last year, claiming it was due to feedback received from grassroots members, Chinese guilds and associations and the Chinese community nationwide.

“We feel that the scenario, like the delivery inefficiency between federal and state levels, must be resolved as soon as possible,” the trio said.

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