

'Najib, ask Chinese if policies led to success'
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Seputeh MP Teresa Kok has challenged Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to commission an independent survey on Malaysian Chinese to see if they would agree that BN policies had directly helped the community's succeed.

"I am certain that the survey result will show that majority do not agree with the prime minister's claim.

"The fact that the Chinese voters have overwhelmingly rejected BN in the 2008 and 2014 general elections proves how they feel about the BN government," she said in a statement yesterday.

The DAP vice chairperson (right) was responding to Najib's claim that the Chinese are relatively successful due to the government's policies to ensure that there is a fair sharing of opportunities in the country.

He cited education as an example, saying that no country outside of China and Taiwan uses the Chinese language as part of the national education system.

However, Kok said Najib's statement downplayed the extra efforts the Chinese community had to undertake to get ahead despite unfair policies.

'Chinese schools fork out own cash'

She added that Najib had also ignored long-standing issues in the Chinese education system.

"Unfair allocations, shortage of schools and teachers are among the various and longstanding issues faced by the Chinese primary schools and have long been highlighted by opposition parties, Chinese groups and community, yet the government has not resolved these problems despite having been in power for decades.

"Even till today, the school Boards of Chinese schools have to fork out their own money to employ temporary teachers due to teacher shortage," she said.

She added that the lack of fair education opportunities at the tertiary level has also led to brain drain among the Chinese community.

She said that if Najib (right) is committed to his 1Malaysia concept, he should be implementing "colour-blind policies" to help for genuine unity amongst Malaysians.

Addressing MCA members yesterday, Najib said that BN's policies had provided stability and opportunities, which has led to the Chinese being relatively successful.

He also added that many of the top 40 richest Malaysians, most of whom are ethnic Chinese, gamed from government concessions.

"I know some of you may not happy how we implemented New Economic Policy and affirmative action.

"This, we admit we are not perfect, we need to make adjustment and we are doing it now, for instant, we help the bumiputera based on merit, and we tried to eliminate rent-seeking," he said.

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