

**Dr M: 'Chinese' DAP doesn't like sharing**  
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Dr Mahathir Mohamad has trained his guns on one of his favourite targets and long-time political foe, the DAP.

In his latest blog post, the former prime minister accused the Chinese-dominated party of not believing in sharing among the races.

"It believes in meritocracy, where the best takes all and the devil takes the hindmost," he added.

Mahathir said DAP was bent on seizing political power from Umno, without relinquishing economic dominance.

"It believes that through meritocracy and the split among the Malays it can do this," he added.

Turning the clock back several decades, Mahathir said DAP had refused to join the BN coalition because it is Malay majority.

"In 1969 it was invited but when everyone else accepted, DAP refused.

"It rejects totally the concept of sharing with other races, unless the Chinese dominate completely in politics as they dominate in the economy," he added.

As for being a member of Pakatan Rakyat, Mahathir said, DAP was willing to work with PAS and PKR simply because it needed their votes.

Mahathir was responding to an open letter that criticised him for welcoming MCA's decision to rejoin the cabinet.

"Whether DAP has more Chinese support than MCA is irrelevant.

"What is relevant and important is the rejection of dominance by any race and the willingness to share wealth and political power fairly between the races," he added.

Citing the former Pakatan government in Perak, Mahathir said DAP controlled the PAS-led state government.

"DAP will control the PM if Pakatan wins. PAS and PKR, knowing that they are will always be totally dependent on DAP and Chinese votes, will accept being subservient to DAP," he

added.

#### Coalition of like-minded parties

On the other hand, Mahathir said, the BN is a coalition of like-minded political parties.

"They may represent their race or they may not. But they believe in the creed of sharing the wealth and the political power of this country between the different races," he added.

He said DAP knew that, for example on a basis of merit, the indigenous people of Malaysia would stand little chance of winning a fair number of the scholarships and this would deny them the opportunity for improving their station in life.

"Chinese parents can afford to send their children for university education at home and abroad. With government scholarships largely going to them, their numbers would be even bigger...," he added.

Currently, Mahathir said, the Chinese dominated the economy and own a large portion of the wealth.

"Even with NEP, the gap in wealth is very wide. Prior to NEP, the bumiputeras, who make up the 60 percent of the people, owned only 2 percent of the wealth.

"Even as bumiputera's wealth grows through NEP schemes, Chinese wealth with a higher base would grow faster. The disparity in wealth ownership would get worse," he warned.

At the moment, Mahathir said, the Umno Malays seem to dominate politics.

"They are willing to share some political power with the Chinese and Indians. For this they are willing to give up some of their constituencies to their partners and to vote for them. Their political strength balances somewhat their lower economic power," he explained.

"The MCA maybe small. That is because it cannot counter DAP's racist politics. It knows very well that its commitment to share wealth and political power with Umno Malays will cause it to lose Chinese support. But it still believes in the sharing concept of BN," he said.

"This is a multiracial country. No one race can have both economic wealth and political power. For so long as each, wish to retain their ethnicity, the sharing of political and economic power between races will be necessary.

"Until everyone is totally identified with this country, and everyone shares fairly political and economic power the fact of race cannot be ignored," he added.

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