

**MCA's Chua changes tune on bumi equity issue**  
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MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek said today his speech at the recent Chinese Economic Congress which touched on the bumiputera equity issue was just stating his views, not a form of demand.

chinese economic congress 140810 chua soi lekHe said that when such a congress took place, there would be views being voiced out.

Speaking at a news conference after chairing the Perak MCA meeting in Ipoh, Chua (right) said MCA welcomed the advice of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, reminding leaders of BN component parties to resolve problems in the BN spirit of consensus.

Chua said the party thanked the prime minister for the advice, which he said was in line with the BN's vast experience in dealing with issues of common interest.

The MCA president's remark at the congress, in which he called for the gradual removal of the 30 percent bumiputera equity, received a wave of protests particularly from Umno leaders and members.

In another development, Chua said the Perak MCA viewed the draft of the Ipoh Local Plan 2020 as an important document and would form a special committee to scrutinise it.

He said the committee would also carry out discussions and dialogues with traders, petty traders, school managements and other stakeholders affected by the plan.

"Input, suggestions and issues raised during the dialogue would be included in a memorandum to be forwarded to the state government for consideration," he said.

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