

**Soi Lek: Certain words should be taboo**  
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MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek wants the BN, in the spirit of cohesiveness and unity of a multiracial coalition, should consider five words as taboo and do away with them.

Speaking at the BN convention today at Wisma MCA, the words on his list were 'pendatang' (immigrants), 'penumpang' (passengers), 'terhutang budi' (feeling of indebtedness), 'kurang patriotik' (not patriotic) and 'ketuanan Melayu' (Malay sovereignty).

"Youngsters do not like to hear such remarks which are not only distasteful but considered outrageously derogatory. Leaders must also be reminded that they are expected to not only say the right thing but also in do the right thing," he said.

mca 140910 chua soi lekThe MCA president also reminded BN leaders that whatever is pledged must be translated into action.

"When it comes to organising BN events or functions, it must reflect that we are working as a team in the state and federal level," he said.

Adding that this convention was crucial as there was a buzz of an impending general election, Chua (right) said BN had to synergise its resources and further enhance its coalition machinery to the fullest.

"The March 2008 election has sent a clear signal that BN must change and revamp itself for it to win votes and public support to stay in government. It cannot be business as usual for BN as we have to change to reflect the 1Malaysia agenda which is inclusive, multiracial and people first."

Equal voice

The MCA president reminded that power sharing in the coalition must mean each component party should enjoy an equal voice in bringing up issues.

"There should not be any big brother or small brother within the coalition. We are all working towards the same cause and purpose. We are all equal partners. BN must pursue the middle path of moderation and at the same time, we need to strengthen the public delivery system, which is a sore point by the voters.

"We have to accept the reality and weaknesses in our system and act accordingly so as to improve on it. We can no longer be living in a denial mode."

The younger generation, he said expect BN to be fair and democratic in its decision making, and not focus on development alone.

"It must be accountable with what it preaches and not allow promises to turn out to be rhetoric. BN must not be seen as merely collaborating during the elections but must be genuine in power sharing at all times."

As equal partners, Chua said decisions pertaining to policies should not be announced at the Umno general assembly or at its supreme council meetings only.

He also addressed that outdated approaches adopted by BN must be removed.

He said the slogan "Undilah Barisan Nasional untuk Kestabilan" had outlived its time, he proposed it be changed to Vote BN = 1Malaysia = High income for all.

Vernacular schools not a political compromise

Dr Chua said vernacular schools, which are part of the educational landscape should in no terms be considered as a "political compromise".

NONE"Vernacular schools should always co exist with other schools such as Sekolah Agama Rakyat, sekolah Arab, international schools and mission schools. Such a feature in our educational landscape is in line with our 1Malaysia agenda of promoting diversity.

"Mandarin or Chinese education should not be viewed along the racial lines. The emergence of China as the second economic power in the world, means that the Mandarin language has great economic significance," he said.

Chua said in order for Malaysia to flourish, it must draw its strength of humility and moderation and inter-racial harmony founded on justice, democracy, mutual consultation and diversity.

Saying the rakyat is the nation's stakeholder, the MCA president said that if the country achieves respectable growth annually, the people will benefit and trust the government.

"Let us work together to make BN, the party of choice by the rakyat. BN must work hand in hand to defend Putrajaya from Pakatan Rakyat. Pakatan Rakyat's march to Putrajaya will then continue to be a dream," he said, in ending his speech.

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