

Task force set up to help Chinese Malaysians get citizenship
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KUALA LUMPUR - The MCA has set up a special task force to help Malaysian Chinese yet to become Malaysian citizens to apply for citizenship status, party president Chua Soi Lek said Friday.

He said Deputy Home Minister Lee Chee Leong had been appointed chairman of the task force.

There were 25,751 Chinese in the country who did not have citizenship status, he told reporters after chairing a meeting of the MCA Presidential Council at Wisma MCA, here.

Chua said the party had set a six-month deadline for Lee to scrutinise all the applications and compile a report to the council.

He also said that the MCA would hold a dialogue with small and medium enterprises on Sept 14 at Wisma MCA to compile business information and problems as input for next year's national budget.

"We will submit the information to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who is also the Finance Minister, so as to help the government come up with a people-friendly budget," he said.

Replying to a question, Chua said the people should not resort to "try out" the opposition Pakatan Rakyat at the federal level.

He said PAS would not give up its Islamic agenda if Pakatan Rakyat were to take over Putrajaya.

The Pakatan Rakyat's philosophy was "vote first, quarrel later" and, meanwhile, the people would suffer, he said.

Chua denied that the government was slow in acting in the cases of the school principals who had allegedly made racist remarks to their students.

He said the government had to understand the real situation and get to the truth of the matter before taking action. - Bernama

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