

**Chua urges Malaysians to stay united against racism**  
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KUALA LUMPUR - MCA President Dr Chua Soi Lek urged Malaysians to reflect on the past mistakes while looking forward to face greater challenges and reminded all to stay united against racism in a Malaysia Day message he issued on Wednesday.

Chua said Malaysians must not be afraid to reflect on the past mistakes to prepare for future challenges which are to be faced with greater courage, clearer mind, more balanced perspective, and rightful thinking.

While noting Sept 16 is a day to be proud to commemorate the unification of East and West Malaysia, he reminded Malaysians not to tolerate racism and must stay intact as a nation which thrives on merit, hard work and togetherness.

According to Chua, it would be a great pity to lose all that the country has reached thus far due to some "inconsequential remarks made by some racists and bigots."

"There is no room for racist supremacists or ultra champions of any religion," as these are counter productive, said Chua in the statement.

"Any insidious emergence of racism and religious extremism or fanaticism must be nipped in the bud and not allowed to fester or else we will be opening the doors to the evils of racial unrest," he added.

The MCA President commended Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak saying that he should be given credit for making it possible to include Sabah and Sarawak for the first time in celebrating the formation of Malaysia back in 1963.

"Although the recognition of Malaysia Day has come 47 years late, but as the saying goes, it is better late than never," he said.

He reminded that there will be no Malaysia without Sabah and Sarawak and it is a historical fact that the Borneo states have helped in the formation of Malaysia.

He noted that besides the three major ethnic groups, the "brothers and sisters" in Sabah and Sarawak have also made the voices of Malaysia, which are occasionally forgotten.

Therefore, the Malaysian identity should be personified by all and not just by any one race, he said.— *MM*