

MCA maintains social contract be discussed behind close doors
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PETALING JAYA - MCA disagreed that the social contract issue should not be discussed and maintained that it still can be discussed amicably behind closed doors.

The party central committee member Loh Seng Kok (*picture*) had dismissed a statement made by Umno permanent chairman Badruddin Amiruldin who warned MCA president Chua Soi Lek to stop questioning the 30 per cent Bumiputera equity target.

Loh pointed out that Chua, who said last Thursday that the implementation of social contract can be discussed but not openly, was only voicing his right to freedom of speech as protected in the Federal Constitution.

"Social contract is an understanding reached by our forefathers pertaining to the 831 Independence of Malaya and early formation of 916 Malaysia, and is meant to be progressive," he said in a statement.

"MCA's suggestion was never aimed towards racial issue as it was purely done based on the interests of the country and rakyat," he added.

According to Loh, MCA was only representing the views of the people in a democratic society.

"In today's globalised world, if we are still telling the 'rakyat' that there are issues that cannot be discussed, it is equivalent to being ignorant, stubborn and refusing to change for the better in serving the rakyat," Loh claimed.

He further added that those who refused to change will eventually be abandoned by the people.

Noting that 'extremist groups' will continue to attack MCA, Loh reiterated the party stand that a gradual reduction of Bumiputera's quota and meritocracy practice will ensure the country's economic transformation and growth to become a high-income nation.

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