

Chua: PKR poorly run with no commitment from members
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KULAI JAYA - PKR is not ready for elections because the party is poorly organised with members showing no commitment, said MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek.

He said that on the average, only 9% of PKR members had come out to vote during the party's ongoing polls, and this did not reflect majority support, according to The Star.

"And this is not reflective of the real process of democracy," he told reporters at a fundraising event held at the SJK(C) Sawit here Sunday.

Dr Chua also urged the people to appreciate the democratic process in the country.

"Although the Internet has allowed for more freedom of speech, we still need regulations," he said, adding that freedom and democracy alone would not guarantee prosperity.

"We need to have restrictions and a good financial infrastructure for economic development.

"We have to emulate China, which practises controlled freedom and yet is still doing well economically," The Star quoted Chua as saying.

Dr Chua said the Opposition often spoke about press freedom but it had restricted this in some of the states it controlled.

"This is exactly what happened in Penang," he added.

Launching the Kelapa Sawit MCA branch service centre later, Dr Chua said a professional body would be hired to manage MCA's assets to avoid any abuse of funds.

He said this was one of the promises he made before being elected party president as he felt it was important for the party.

"The party's assets needs to be accounted for as it belongs to every MCA member," he said, adding that the professional body would submit a report on the party's assets twice annually to the central committee.

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