

MCA May Decline Govt Posts If GE Results Unsatisfactory
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MELAKA -- MCA may decline positions in federal and state governments if its performance in the next general election (GE) is unsatisfactory.

MCA president Dr Chua Soi Lek said that in the previous general election, MCA won 15 of 40 parliamentary seats and 31 of 90 state seats contested by the party.

"If we don't get the support of the Chinese, then we shouldn't be holding any post in the federal and state governments or local authorities," he told reporters after chairing the MCA Presidential Council meeting here yesterday.

Asked whether the decision would be conveyed to Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak, Dr Chua said it may first be presented at the party's annual general meeting in October for endorsement.

However, he said, MCA would continue to be a member of the Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition.

"We'll remain a member as we have confidence in the prime minister's leadership, especially with regard to efforts to transform the economy and the nation," he said.

He also said that MCA would strive to achieve better results in the next general election.

On the decision by former MCA president Ong Ka Ting not to stand in the next general election, Dr Chua said MCA was thankful to Ong for his contributions to the party and the country.

In another development, he said MCA planned to set up a museum in Melaka to showcase the contributions of the Chinese community in the country's march towards independence and progress.

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