

**A Victory For PR In The Next GE Would Spell Economic Disaster For Malaysia, Says Chua**  
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Dr Chua Soi Lek said that a victory for the Pakatan Rakyat in the next general election would spell economic disaster for the country.

In a statement to Malaysian Mirror today, he said that the weakness of the Pakatan Rakyat in formulating economic policies like the Alternative Budget 2012 was so glaring that even Opposition members have stopped talking about its contents.

"It is well known among MPs and the media that the Alternative Budget was quickly put together. But in reality there was nothing substantial in its contents beyond rhetoric and unrealistic populist promises," he said.

The MCA President added that the failure to formulate economic ideas and programmes by Pakatan is an issue that Malaysian voters needed to examine.

He said that the lack of economic know-how was even revealed in a leaked US State Department cable by Wikileaks, as reported by the media.

Chua commented "It has been reported that the diplomatic cables exposed that "Pakatan lacked economic formulators and this shortcoming weighs on them as a coalition". The leaked cable also speculated why this was so and suggested that politics could be a reason why they could not engage experts."

It was reported that the lack of economic expertise among them underlines some of the many difficulties Pakatan would encounter if they capture Putrajaya.

"This is what the US envoys have opined about the state of affairs in Pakatan and certainly we know about their weaknesses," he said.

Chua added "I understand the sentiments of some voters against the government but I wish to ask whether the Pakatan is a viable alternative."

He cited as an example where DAP are asking voters to continue supporting the PAS governments in Kedah and Kelantan despite their glaring incompetence.

"With due respect, many of them may have religious credentials but modern economics and management is not their cup of tea"

"The DAP in Penang has now adopted a "Developers First, People Last" slogan by ignoring the importance of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) reports even when the projects had ecological risks, citing the proposed tunnel and theme park. The theme park in Teluk Bahang would be near a water catchment area but Lim Guan Eng had ignored the concerns of the non-governmental organisations like the Sahabat Alam Malaysia." he said.

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