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Chinese look at polls results positively

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THE Chinese community expressed surprise at the outcome of the 12th general election but viewed the results positively, the Chinese press reported yesterday.

Hua Zong (Federation of Chinese Associations of Malaysia) president Tan Sri Lim Gait Tong hoped that the Barisan Nasional government will work with the new state governments in the interest of the people, to respect the choices they had made.

Lim hoped candidates who have won and parties given the mandate to govern would follow up on their manifestos and fulfil election pledges.

He also hoped the new federal government will liaise with non-government organisations to get feedback from the public.

Pahang Federation of Chinese Associations president

Tan Sri Pheng Yin Huah said the winds of change have resulted in a shift in the people's mindset and the BN should do a soul-searching over the breach of its two-thirds majority.

He said the Chinese community will look at the change positively.

In fact, he added, a lot of issues facing the Chinese, including the 2-4-3 formula (of teaching science and mathematics in Chinese primary schools), the original SJK (C) Damansara and pig farming (in Malacca) were not properly handled by the government.

He hoped the BN government will realise the various mega projects it promised the people as soon as possible and to retain the foreign direct investments.

He also praised the many

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politicians who were able to keep a level head despite losing in the elections.

Seven Major Clans Associations coordination committee chairman Datuk Ng Teck Fong said the election results indicated the true voice of the people.

He said BN should look at policies that had given rise to public discontent.

"Issues of public security and safety, inflation, demolition of Hindu temples, Malacca pig farming and Internal Security Act have caused jitters and given rise to dissatisfaction among the people," he said.

Other Chinese leaders who

have expressed their views on the election results include:

» Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce president Datuk Khor Teng Tong: The Chinese chamber, with trades and businesses as its main concern, will cooperate with whoever is chosen to form the government.

» Hua Zong deputy president Datuk Bong Hon Liong: The results of the elections will make the country more democratic as the change reflects the wishes of the people. I hope parties from both sides of the political divide will work together.

The outcome of the election shows we are a step closer to a truly civil society.

» Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Malaysia deputy secretary-general Datuk David Chua: This is the best performance by the Opposition. It is healthy for the democratic process of the country. Although BN is still the federal government, it should find out why the people have made such a choice. Both the governing and opposition parties should accept each other and work on what they have in common instead of antagonising each other.