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Good idea to have a royal commission, says Dr Mahathir

KUALA LUMPUR: Setting up a Royal Commission of Inquiry for the Teoh Beng Hock case is a good idea, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

However, he refused to comment when asked about the opposition wanting the investigation to centre on how the political aide

died, instead of finding out if there was any abuse of procedure by the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) in the handling of the case.

"I cannot comment. It is the commission's decision," he said at Berjaya Times Square mall yesterday.

On the controversy surrounding the appointment of Selangor state secretary Datuk Mohd Kusrin Munawi, Dr Mahathir hoped all parties would have the good sense to stop politicising the issue.

Dr Mahathir and wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali were invited to lunch by Berjaya Corp Bhd

chairman Tan Sri Vincent Tan and his son U Ming, at the Asahi Japanese Restaurant in the mall.

Tan said Dr Mahathir had decided to visit the Cosway store as he had not been there before.

Meanwhile, in Labis, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek

has reiterated that Teoh's death should not be politicised or "the issue will never end."

To a question on whether the royal commission should also look into the cause of Teoh's death, Chua said: "The Prime Minister has said what needs to be said."