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'Dr M's proposed party will not succeed'

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KUALA LUMPUR: The new party to be helmed by former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will not meet with much success as the public is unlikely to be interested in the formation of yet another political party, says MCA Youth chief Chong Sin Woon.

In a recent interview with *theSun*, Chong said the existing number of opposition parties is more than enough to go against Barisan Nasional (BN) in the next general election.

"So why do we need to set up a new one for the same purpose?"

"Instead, the new party should be clear on its objectives and work for the betterment of the people as well as the nation."

Chong was commenting on Mahathir's plan to set up a party to unseat the BN government.

He said that forming a new party would make matters worse for the Opposition by splitting

votes further and causing infighting when it comes to seat allocation.

Chong also said it appears Mahathir and former deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin don't think that the Opposition is capable of wresting power from BN, hence the move to form a new party.

"We should not undermine Mahathir's popularity, but if he continues his fight against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak with his usual agenda then soon enough he will not get any further backing from the people as popularity does not guarantee public support," he said.

He said that continuing to harp on issues like the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or iMalaysia Development Berhad (iMDB) will not go far with the public.

"This is also the reason why BN does not waste time anymore on countering these allegations. Instead we are focused on serving the people," he said.