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# MCA division chief dares Kit Siang to stand up to Dr M

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**PETALING JAYA:** DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang should call out Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's "racist" attempt to demonise Chinese investors.

Gelang Patah MCA division chief Datuk Jason Teoh said Lim should stand up against the former prime minister's ill-intent to provoke xenophobia.

"Tun Dr Mahathir was placing

his political motives above national interests and his comments regarding China investors and Forest City were only intended to provoke racial sentiments," said Teoh.

Dr Mahathir has recently posted a series of comments on the Internet claiming that huge tracts of land around Johor Baru were being sold to foreigners with no restriction,

and there would be mass immigration to take up residence in these new cities.

He cited Forest City developed by a China-based company, claiming "already thousands of units have been completed and sold to mainland Chinese".

He also quoted Bloomberg reports as saying that 700,000 mainland Chinese would stay there and

that there were 60 similar projects which could house more than a million people.

Teoh said Lim, the Gelang Patah MP, must make it clear if he supports Dr Mahathir's view that Chinese investments in Forest City are a foreign threat to his voters.

Teoh said his party fully backs the Sultan of Johor's recent public criticism of Dr Mahathir.

He added that he agreed with the Johor Ruler's assertion that the spillover effect from Forest City's development would be enormous, including state revenue and the creation of 200,000 jobs.

"If he chooses to keep his lips sealed, he will be deemed to have agreed with Sultan Ibrahim," said the MCA central committee member said of Lim.