

Embrace PM's reforms, MCA Youth urges BN parties
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 1 — Barisan Nasional (BN) parties should embrace the reforms and changes introduced by Datuk Seri Najib Razak and avoid being "tied down" by outdated notions, MCA Youth said today.

MCA Youth chief Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong also said BN parties needed to always be aware of current political issues, pointing out that a delayed reaction to issues in the past had resulted in a "negative general perception" among the public.

"BN has to focus on exposing the lies of the opposition parties and demonstrate that the promises given by them to win federal power were empty ones. In reality, they have not even fulfilled all their promises of 2008," he said today during his address at the MCA Youth annual general assembly here.

Wee went on to give examples of PR states' "failures" and cited the PAS Kedah state government's "rigid" bumiputera quota for homebuyers and the banning of entertainment activities during Ramadan.

Wee charged that Kedah DAP had once threatened to quit Pakatan Kedah over disagreements related to government policies but such issues never happen in BN-controlled states.

"(This is) because every policy that is implemented by BN takes into account the feelings of all races and the views of the component parties," he said.

The deputy education minister also said BN leaders needed to appreciate the contributions of every component party and not ask for a party to be replaced with another just for the sake of electoral victory.

"BN leaders ought to appreciate the contributions of each and every component party and not aim to replace one component party with another for the sake of ensuring that BN remains in power," he said.

MCA suffered its worst electoral defeat during the 2008 general elections where it lost 25 of the 40 federal and 59 of the 90 state seats it contested.

The MCA has seen Chinese support continue to shrink in recent by-elections, as some analyses have found that the Tenang polls held earlier this year saw just 18 per cent of Chinese voting for BN.

The prime minister has assumed the charge for Chinese votes, spending last weekend dishing out RM15 million to Chinese schools and exempting a Community Chest project headed by Chinese tycoons from tax to help it channel RM100 million a year into vernacular education.

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