

## **Battle of wits between Chua and Lim to be aired live on television**

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KUALA LUMPUR: The showdown that will see MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek and Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng engage in a battle of wits will be similar to the US presidential election debate.

Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli) director and chief executive officer Datuk Dr Michael Yeoh told *The Star*, however, that although the duel would resemble the American debate, this had been adapted to the local setting.

"All parties have agreed upon important matters like the seat allocation and structure of the debate," Dr Yeoh said, adding that the 200 seats set aside for each political party would remain.

The one-hour debate titled "Is the two-party system becoming a two-race system?" starts at 5pm tomorrow.

Both Dr Chua and Lim will draw lots to determine who speaks first and they will then be allowed a few minutes to give their opening remarks on the topic.

After that, both speakers will be asked to answer one question posed by the moderator – historian and Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall chief executive officer Tan Ah Chai.

Shortly after, both speakers will field questions from the audience. They will then have the opportunity to give some closing remarks.

The debate will be conducted in Mandarin and will be aired live on Astro AEC (Channel 301).

In the channel's special edition of *News Talk*, host Siow Hui Mei will facilitate a pre-debate panel discussion 30 minutes before its start.

A replay will be televised at 11pm the same day.

Viewers can catch the debate translated into Bahasa Malaysia on Astro Awani (Channel 501). They can also watch a live streaming of the programme via Astro's BDQ website ([www.astro.com.my/bendiquan](http://www.astro.com.my/bendiquan)).

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