

**People The Winner In Debate, Says Chua  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 18 (Bernama) -- The people has emerged as the ultimate winner in the debate between the MCA and DAP here today as it allowed the Malaysian public to evaluate for themselves the policies and stands of the Barisan Nasional (BN) and the opposition.

"The winner is the rakyat and not Lim Guan Eng (DAP secretary-general) or Chua Soi Lek," said MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek in a joint news conference soon after concluding the debate, which drew a huge public interest, especially from the Chinese community and was telecast live on Astro, that is on Astro AEC and Awani.

"An engagement like this will allow the rakyat to see the stands of BN and Pakatan," he said after the hour-long debate titled "Is the two-party system becoming a two-race system?" organised by the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli) and MCA's think-tank, Institute of Strategic Analysis and Policy Research (Insap).

Right from the beginning, Chua and his fellow debater, the Penang chief minister, agreed to keep the debate professional and not as a platform to decide who is the winner or loser.

The debate was conducted in Mandarin and was moderated by Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall chief executive officer Tan Ah Chai.

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