

**Dr Chua: Pakatan's promise of free education a sham**  
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PETALING JAYA: The Opposition's promise of providing free education is all a "sham", says MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek.

He said there was no country in the world which could meet the education needs of all its citizens.

"Lim Guan Eng's government is a fake one if it can promise that everyone can get education. It is a sham," he said during a debate between him and Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng.

Dr Chua was answering a written question posed by the audience, asking about MCA's national education policy for all races to generate a competent citizen of Malaysia.

The debate, titled "DAP & MCA: Whose Policies Benefit the Country More?", was organised by the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute at the Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre here.

Dr Chua said the MCA was in the midst of setting up a vocational training institute because it wanted to train technically-skilled people.

He dismissed Lim's statement that it was shameful to MCA for establishing Tunku Abdul Rahman (TAR) College as failure to fight for non-Malay students who did not get places in public universities.

"While we have trained 200,000 talented people (through TAR college), your Chief Minister says it is shame on us," Dr Chua said, adding that the MCA had a responsibility to complement what the Federal Government was doing.

To a question about how to regain the support of urban voters, he said the DAP liked to incite the Chinese by telling them that they were marginalised.

"But if you look at the statistics, the Chinese still have the highest household income and property ownership compared to the other races. Poverty is also lowest among the Chinese," Dr Chua said.

On another matter, he challenged DAP to contest in a multi-racial constituency instead of vying for seats in Chinese-dominated areas.

"DAP also packages itself as a multi-racial party but they do not dare to contest in Chinese-majority areas.

"MCA may be a mono-ethnic party but our party constitution is clear - we protect the legitimate interest and rights of all according to the Federal Constitution," he said.

He also questioned why the DAP did not have an Indian party state chairman if it claimed to be multi-racial.

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