

Chua: Economy will be hit if PR comes to power
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BLEAK FUTURE: Opposition will not be able to sustain multi-billion ringgit investments

YONG PENG: PAKATAN Rakyat is incapable of sustaining the multi-billion ringgit investments which have been put in place in the country, said MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek.

Citing the Petronas Refinery and Petrochemical Integrated Development project in Pengerang and its spin-off activities worth RM90 billion as examples, Dr Chua said these projects would come to a standstill if the loose opposition coalition came to power.

He said Iskandar Malaysia may also become stalled if Pakatan Rakyat were to take over the government in the next general election.

He said the PR parties, especially Pas, were not likely to put much emphasis on socio-economic development.

He cited Kelantan and Terengganu as examples of what the economy would be like with Pas at the helm.

"The party's spiritual adviser, Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, has maintained that they have a religious obligation to fulfil and this has raised an outcry from fellow Pakatan Rakyat leader, DAP chairman Karpal Singh," said Dr Chua.

He said this in his speech at the Johor MCA Youth and Johor Wanita MCA annual general meeting at Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan (Cina) Yong Peng 1 here yesterday.

Later at a press conference, Dr Chua called on the Chinese community not to be "conned" by DAP into believing that the party was a kingmaker in the opposition.

"This was how the opposition gained political strength in the Sarawak election when it made the people believe that the party was a kingmaker," he said, adding that this perception was wrong.

Dr Chua said the DAP was only concerned about its own political agenda, and would do anything to increase its influence over the Chinese community.

He said it may even be likely for DAP to want to join Barisan Nasional in the future, in order for it to expand its influence in national politics.

"DAP's long-term political agenda is to join BN in a bid to protect its supreme position in Penang.

"Like all politicians who thirst for power, they also hope to be in the Federal Government."

He said Penang, under the DAP, faced problems with its limited revenue and issues related to land tenders.

He also urged Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng to stop saying that Umno wanted to impose hudud.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has said that Umno will not implement hudud.

"None of the BN-run states has had its constitution changed, unlike what Pas is doing to Kelantan and Kedah, where the party is in power."

During his speech in front of the 700 delegates and guests, Dr Chua said MCA planned to propose to the government to provide a RM150 annual transportation allowance for poor students who used school buses.

He called on all party members, including those from the Youth and Women's wings, to stand united to ensure the party could be stronger.

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