

**MCA Adamant In Declining Government Posts - MCA President
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 11 (Bernama) -- The MCA remained adamant in not accepting any government post at both state and federal level, following its dismal performance in the just-concluded 13th General Election (GE13), said party president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek.

"The party will abide by the resolutions made in the 2011 and 2012 annual general meetings that MCA will decline all government posts, if the party performed worse in the 13th General Election.

"I want to emphasise that the decision (not to accept any government post) does not come from me or (deputy president) Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai or any one else. It was from the AGM and was approved unanimously," he told reporters after chairing the Presidential Council meeting at Wisma MCA here Saturday.

MCA only won seven of the 37 federal seats and 11 of the 90 state seats it contested in the GE13, earning the party the embarrassing moniker, the "7-Eleven Party".

In the general election in 2008, it won 15 parliamentary and 32 state seats.

Dr Chua said the drastic decision was taken out of respect for the voters' decision, adding that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was aware of the matter.

Asked whether MCA would consider accepting any government post if it was offered by the prime minister, he said, when the prime minister made the decision and announced it, he (Dr Chua) would answer that question.

Meanwhile, Dr Chua has refuted rumours that many of MCA's service centres had closed down, saying the members were merely taking a rest after an intense election campaigning.

"It is not true that the service centres are closed...I think we understand that our direction is very clear that we continue to be service-orientated, unlike the DAP which does not even have a service centre," he said.

He said many of the centres were closed down temporarily to adapt to the new political scenario.

"For example, some of the centres are called Pusat Khidmat Wakil Rakyat, but now they have to change their signboards because they are not run by wakil rakyat, anymore.

"The rakyat should question the DAP why the party does not have service centres. Why is it when the MCA service centres stopped operating for a few days, they make noise? This shows they still need MCA's service," he noted.

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