

MCA's Tee may face party action over Johor exco appointment
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 — Pulai Sebatang state assemblyman Datuk Tee Siew Kiong might face disciplinary action from the MCA central committee for accepting a Johor exco post, the party said today.

According to president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek, the MCA would maintain its decision passed at the 2011 and 2012 annual general meetings to reject all government posts if it does not perform better in Election 2013.

"I would like to clarify that MCA has not recommended Pulai Sebatang state assemblyman Datuk Tee Siew Kiong to be the Johor executive councillor," Dr Chua said in a statement.

"The MCA Central Committee will deliberate on Tee's case and he may face disciplinary action over the appointment as the Johor executive councillor."

Dr Chua explained that Tee's appointment was only by the Johor Sultan's decree, who has the power to appoint the menteri besar and state executive councillors based on the state Constitution.

The MCA president said he had also explained to the Johor palace's secretary of the party's stand despite the Sultan endorsing Tee in order to have a Chinese representative in the state government.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has also advised Dr Chua to follow the Sultan's decree, he said.

The MCA also decided to maintain its stand since other state Rulers have not exercised their authority to appoint MCA elected representatives as state executive councillors.

MCA national organising secretary Tee was among nine Johor executive councillors sworn in today. He has been put in charge of the Tourism, Domestic Trade and Consumerism portfolio.

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