

Johor exco's Tee quits all MCA posts
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 14 - Johor state executive councillor Datuk Tee Siew Kiong has resigned from all MCA party posts, but kept his lifetime membership in a bid to quell his controversial state job despite a party decision not to join any government.

Tee said he was resigning to prevent some party members from further exploiting the matter of his appointment to the Johor exco.

"I regret that some party members had made my appointment an issue, targeting not just me but the party's unity.

"However, I will never leave the party because I have been a part of this big family for more than 30 years," he said in a statement today.

Tee will resign as national organising secretary, presidential council member, central committee member, election steering committee member, Johor MCA state liaison committee member, Johor MCA election steering committee deputy chairman and Pontian MCA division chairman.

Tee said he will attend the MCA disciplinary committee hearing on June 17 to explain his acceptance of the Johor executive councillor's post.

"The royal command of the Sultan had mentioned that there must be multiracial representation in the state government, so I was ordered to represent the Chinese community.

"As a citizen of Johor, I cannot defy the royal command of the Sultan, therefore I had no choice but to accept the appointment," he added.

Tee reiterated that MCA had not recommended him for the post, and neither was he against the party's decision to reject all government posts if it failed to perform better in the last general election.

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