

MCA deputy to Soi Lek: It's not a one man show
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A war of words has erupted in the MCA with its deputy Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai reminding his president that the party is not a one-man show.

Liow said Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek should accept this quickly for the sake of the party.

"If Dr Chua is accusing me of babbling, my only explanation is that perhaps when he hears things he does not like, especially comments which can help the party, it sounds like babbling to him," Liow said in a statement, adding that he hoped Dr Chua understood that his intentions were sincere.

Dr Chua had ticked off Liow after the latter had come to the defence of vice-president Datuk Donald Lim Siang Chai.

Lim had earlier told Dr Chua to admit that his no-Cabinet-post decision was wrong. He urged the party president to call for an EGM to resolve this issue.

Dr Chua, however, was against the idea and publicly ticked off Lim, saying it was a collective decision by the central committee members.

Liow went to Lim's defence saying the vice-president had a right to comment and to point out where the party was heading.

Dr Chua did not take kindly to Liow's interference and accused him of practising double standards.

"My immediate priority is to strengthen the party to make it more relevant within the community and national politics.

"That is why I am heading the 'Special Task Force road show on Party Transformation', to help strengthen the party," Liow added in his statement.

Liow said there was no reason for Dr Chua to attack the party vice-president publicly.

"What is important for the party is to undergo a transformation. To achieve that, we should allow party members, especially office bearers, to speak their minds." - June 21, 2013.

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