

Tee Keat open to contesting MCA top post
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Former MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat could be staging a comeback by contesting for the presidency in the soon-to-be-held MCA elections, Sin Chew Daily reported.

Although Ong, who was unseated after a year helming the party, is currently only an ordinary member, he could run for the top post if a division elects him as a central delegate.

He was reported to have said that he was not opposed to contesting as a team, as that was the best way forward given the current political landscape.

Ong, however, also qualified that a line-up staged for the elections alone but without a proper ideology would not last long.

Critics had said that Ong was only able to hold on to power for one year due to his arrogance and distrust of others.

Ong instead denied that he had distrust towards others, saying that if that was true, he would not have proposed direct elections for MCA's senior posts.

Ong meanwhile reportedly said that he had been making self-adjustments over the last three years.

He added that he was also aware why he was not fielded as a candidate in the recent polls, but had learnt not to voice out his frustrations.

According to Sin Chew Daily, Ong said the fact that 90 per cent of Chinese voters did not choose BN in GE13 could not be regarded as a spur of the moment decision on their part.

He also said that accusing the opposition of spreading lies was also not the answer to win back voters.

He reportedly said that the setting up of a taskforce was also not going to uncover the "root cause" of the voting pattern.

Ong also reportedly said that "regarding themselves as kings behind closed doors will not resuscitate MCA". - July 12, 2013.

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