

MCA Has Not Sidelined Any Top Student's Appeal To Enter Local Public University - Wee
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 25 (Bernama) -- MCA has never sidelined any top student, who appealed through its Youth Education Bureau after failing to get any study offer from a public institution of higher learning (IPTA), regardless of race and whether the applicant's parents are party members or not.

MCA Youth chief Datuk Wee Ka Siong said the bureau was fair in dealing with the appeals received and managed them carefully based on the applicants' examination results and their financial background.

He said before an appeal was made, the applicant must submit a copy of his examination results, identity card, state his parents' occupation and submit a copy of their monthly income to facilitate the process by the bureau and to help him get a place for the course chosen.

"Out of the 361 appeals, there were a number from Indian applicants and they were not sidelined because all this while, we welcomed appeals from all races and backgrounds."

Wee said this in response to the reported claim by Kapar MCA division head Datuk Song Kee Chai yesterday that the bureau gave preference to the children of party members in the appeals to get into the IPTAs.

Wee, who is also the bureau head, said he would never allow any party leader or member of the committee handling the appeal cases to do that.

"If there is, I will be the first to know and will object to it."

He said all appeals received would be scrutinised and analysed before submitting them to the Education Ministry for consideration.

"We are now waiting to meet with Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who is also Education Minister (over the appeals)," he added.

Wee, who is former education deputy minister, meanwhile urged the ministry to speed up the process of recruiting 460 temporary untrained teachers to replace the interim teachers at the national-type Chinese schools (SJKCs) throughout the country.

He said this would help solve the problem of shortage of teachers, especially at the SJKCs which required over 400 teachers now.

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