

**Set up an Islamic bureau, Ridhuan Tee tells MCA**  
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**In a column published by 'Sinar Harian', academician Prof Mohd Ridhuan Tee Abdullah has proposed MCA fields Chinese Muslims in Malay majority areas.**

**KUALA LUMPUR**, MCA should set up an Islamic bureau to build a bridge with the Malay community, Prof Mohd Ridhuan Tee Abdullah urged.

In his latest column published in *Sinar Harian*, the controversial academician suggested the Chinese-based party come up with a strategy similar to the one implemented by MCA's founder Tun Omar Ong Yoke Lin, who Ridhuan Tee said was not racist.

The Malay community, he wrote, would have no problem supporting MCA if the party was not rude.

"Mention vernacular schools and they would jump without even investigating the root cause. Such actions make Malays uncomfortable."

Ridhuan Tee also urged MCA to take a good look at themselves before asking Umno to return the Gelang Patah, Wangsa Maju and Kuantan parliamentary seat, which they had "loaned" to the latter.

If MCA felt it was strong, it should win seats in Chinese majority areas, like Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, Petaling Jaya, among others, first.

"If they can win, then only can they talk big. Now it is just a loud noise.

"What more the MCA Pasir Gudang Youth wing, who severed ties with the Prime Minister. Who is MCA? Learn to be grateful and the seat they won was because of Malay voters."

MCA, Ridhuan Tee said, should focus of strengthening itself and working hard for the rakyat, instead of politicking and getting involved in businesses.

He also said other Barisan Nasional component parties should also do the same instead of becoming champions of their own race.

Ridhuan Tee pointed out that MCA representatives were still appointed as ministers and deputy ministers in line with the quota set, although the party was not qualified for such posts based on its performance in the last general election.

The party managed only to secure seven parliamentary and eleven state seats in the 2013 GE.

He added that MCA could not bank on its representatives being sworn in as senators so they could receive ministerial post in the future if it failed to prove its strength.

"I would like to suggest the Prime Minister appoints businessmen or academicians from the Chinese community to replace MCA if the party fails to perform. I am certain this would be better than politicking that does not increase support."

He has also proposed that MCA fields Chinese Muslims in Malay majority areas.

“If they put in someone who is too Chinese, it would be difficult to win.”

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