

## **Balakong by-election: Good government needs strong opposition - MCA Candidate**

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BALAKONG, Sept 2 (Bernama) -- A good government needs a strong opposition to ensure that the people's voices are heard, says MCA candidate for the Balakong state by-election Tan Chee Teong.

He said a strong opposition would provide checks and balances to prevent the government from making a rash decision.

Citing the current situation at the Selangor Legislative Assembly with 51 assemblymen were from Pakatan Harapan (PH) and only five from the opposition, he said, there was a big drop in the number of motions submitted for the debate, according to a recent report in a Chinese daily.

"The reason given is that most of the state assemblymen are new and do not know the proper procedures apart from missing out the allotted time to submit the motions (to be debated).

"This is unacceptable as it is the responsibility of the assemblyman to submit motions to be debated, if they fail in this basic task what else can they offer to the people who have elected them," he told a press conference here today.

The Balakong state by-election on Sept 8 is seeing a straight fight between Tan and PH candidate Wong Siew Ki.

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