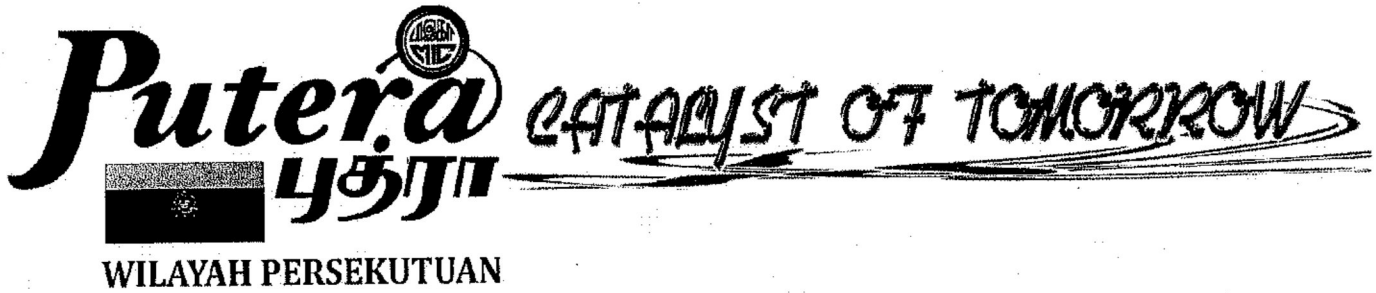




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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

PUTERA MIC WP REPRESENT THE VOICE OF YOUNGER GENERATION IN THE AGE GROUP OF 18 - 35 YEARS CONSISTING OF YOUNG GRADUATES AND PROFESSIONAL FROM WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN.

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATION TO GOVERNMENT FOR IT'S RECENT MOVE TO FORM PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE (PSC) TO IMPROVE THE ELECTION PROCESS IN OUR COUNTRY.

WHILE MANY PARTIES MERELY EXPRESSES THE OPINION IN A VAGUE MANNER, GOVERNMENT ON IS PART HAS TAKEN MORE SOLID MOVE BY FORMING PSC TO LOOK INTO SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS TO ENHANCE ELECTION PROCESS CORRESPONDING WITH CHANGES AND PROGRESS THAT A COUNTRY NEEDS OVER TIME.

**IN VIEW OF THIS, PUTERA MIC WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN
HAS COME UP WITH SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
PERUSAL AND CONSIDERATION OF PSC.**

1. INDELIBLE INK

The indelible ink should be introduced for implementation in the coming General Election.

The indelible ink is the cheapest and most convenient way to prevent voter fraudulent who attempt to vote more than once.

Though we realize that a voter is only registered under one MyKad number and can't use two different numbers to vote twice, this will convince and pacify those who have doubt that a voter can possibly vote more than once.

Currently, Oppositions party is influencing the younger generation and fence-sitter with an accusation that phantom voters exist and thus fraudulent voting system. The implementation of indelible ink will put an end to all this accusation.

2. AUTHORITY TO PROSECUTE

The Election Commission should be provided with an Authority / Power to prosecute the phantom voters.

This will provide the commission the strength to arrest any fraudulent voter immediately and bring to an end those wanting to cheat as voter or those wanting to vote more than once.

3. CAMPAIGNING PERIOD

Putera MIC WP believes that there is NO need for longer campaign period. The current 7-14 days are sufficient time frame for campaigning period.

The maximum travelling time by car from North to South of our country takes approximately 8-10 hours. And travelling time from one end to another in most of the constituency is within an hour in Peninsular Malaysia. That is how near travelling is nowadays in our country. Indeed the urban and semi-urban voters are connecting to each other through ICT and internet (New-media). ICT and New Media has become their tool for information.

As such, longer campaigning period will not bring any significant benefit to anyone. A longer campaign period only consume more cost (money) and time as well as a total waste of resources.

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4. AGE LIMIT FOR NEW VOTERS

The current age of only those 21 years old and above to vote should stay:

Voting exercise; while is a right of every citizen, the voter should to certain extent be able to justify why there are voting to choose certain people as their leader. Factors like Credibility, Reliability, Past Track Record of Achievements and Activities, Vision and Mission of their Leader should be among the things to look at for the benefit of the community, country and the future generation.

Lowering the age limit to 18 years old as eligible age to vote; while this move provides voice for those in this age group but there is no clear idea on the outcome. While there are those from the age group of 18-20 years old being very mature in manner and thinking, most of them are not. Youngsters from this group are more concern and focused on education, co-curricular activities as well as Peer-Group related happenings than the events and factors happening in the country or community in general. Their decision is mostly peer-Group influenced and prone for manipulation.

As such, 18 years voting age is not recommended as they are not ready to decide.