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**Our Candidate for the Seremban By-Election**

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# INTRODUCTION

ON 22ND OCTOBER 1983 the DAP formally announced the party's candidate for Seremban, Dr. Chen Man Hin, because exactly 18 months ago, on 22nd April 1982, the voters in Peninsular Malaysia gave the Barisan Nasional an unprecedented landslide victory, and the people of Seremban voted in Datuk Lee San Choon as their Member of Parliament, and started the process in the drastic erosion of the people's political, economic, educational and cultural rights.

As far as the DAP is concerned, the Seremban by-election will decide, not so much as to whether Dr. Chen or the DAP wins, but whether the people of Seremban would act on behalf of all Malaysians to launch the Seremban Campaign to roll back the extremist forces which reared their ugly heads 18 months ago.

In the last 18 months since the last general elections, the people have lost their basic rights faster and in even greater degree than the 25 years from 1957 to 1982.

For quite some time, Radio and Television Malaysia had introduced a daily series known as 'Hari ini dalam sejarah' to acquaint Malaysians about the historical developments of the country. Unfortunately, the 'Hari ini dalam sejarah' has completely denied the historical role and contribution of the Chinese, Indians and other races to the making of Malaysia, in the same way that the Examinations Syndicate of the Education Ministry, in the history paper of the Std. V Assessment Test recently, had denied the historical contribution of Yap Ah Loy in the opening up of Kuala Lumpur.

The DAP takes the Seremban by-election very seriously, not as an occasion to 'trivialise' the occasion as the Acting MCA President, Datuk Dr. Neo Yee Pan, is doing, but as an important political occasion for the people of Seremban as well as for all Malaysians to understand greater the political deve-