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DAP prepared to help State economic panels

SITIAWAN, Sat. - The DAP is prepared to co-operate with the State-level National Economic Action councils to inform the people about the current economic problems, party secretary-general Lim Kit Siang said today.

"This is why the DAP has taken the initiative to organise various ceramah and forums on the economy," he said at a meet-the-people session.

The party has already organised 10 ceramah in Perak, Malacca and Penang.

Lim's statement indicated that the party had accepted the NEAC although he had earlier proposed the setting up of a National Economic Crisis Cabinet and National Economic Crisis Consultative Council to deal with the economic problems.

Lim said the party did not wish to "play politics" or point a finger at anyone for the problems, but would rather prepare the people for future challenges.

"In this regard, we are prepared to co-operate with the State-level NEACs to disseminate balanced information on the economic outlook and how the people can cope up with the situation," he said.

He has also written to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to seek an appointment for DAP leaders to meet him and discuss the problems.

Lim also commended Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib for his open, democratic and responsible attitude with regard to problems which DAP officials had highlighted during a meeting with him last week.

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