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Keng Yaik thanks MTUC and NUPW

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik today thanked the National Union of Plantation Workers and the Malaysian Trades Union Congress for accepting his apology over his remarks about estate workers.

He added that the matter was not discussed at the Cabinet meeting today.

Dr Lim, who is also Gerakan president, said he had shown Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad a copy of the Hansard and newspaper cuttings regarding the issue and explained the matter.

"The subject has now been put to rest. We will not talk about it anymore," he said at his office at Dayabumi.

Meanwhile Gerakan vice-president Dr Goh Cheng Teik said he was relieved that the NUPW had accepted Dr Lim's apology.

"I hope rubber tappers of Malaysia and the NUPW will continue to have faith in the Gerakan party.

"As an old member and an elected vice-president of Gerakan, I want to assure them that Gerakan will continue to support the workers of this country, whether agricultural or industrial," he said in a statement.

"Support for the workers is one of the cardinal objectives stated in the party's constitution. We will never deviate from this important objective.

"Gerakan greatly values the enormous contribution made by the rubber tappers and other workers to the economic growth of the country. We will continue to strive to do our utmost to improve the livelihood of the workers of this country," said Dr Goh.

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