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TSU KOON SAD DOMPOK LOST BUT BELIEVES HE WILL CONTINUE STRUGGLE IN BN

PULAU PINANG, March 14 (Bernama) -- Pulau Pinang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon expressed sadness today over the defeat of his Sabah counterpart Tan Sri Bernard Dompok in the state election yesterday.

Nevertheless expressing joy over the the Barisan Nasional's victory, he was confident that Dompok who is head of the Parti Demokratik Sabah (PDS) would continue to struggle together with the BN.

"The BN's victory in Sabah shows that the majority of the people in the state now understood the concept, spirit and effectiveness of the BN in ensuring stability, peace and harmony in the country."

The victory also reflected the people's conviction in the BN's ability to bring about economic, social, cultural and educational development for the people, he said.

The elections results also represented a strong endorsement of the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Dr Koh added.

The Pulau Pinang Chief Minister congratulated all BN candidates who won in the Sabah election.

He also believed that the Sabah BN leaders would continue to serve and convince the people particularly the Kadazandusun community on the spirit, concept and effectiveness of the BN concept.

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