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Gerakan working on code to prevent party-hopping

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The Gerakan is preparing a code of ethics to prevent members from switching political parties.

Its president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said today: "We are still in the discussion stage and once the guidelines have been completed, we will submit it to the Barisan Nasional supreme council for endorsement."

The Gerakan's decision to come up with such a code follows the cross-over of two of its assemblymen to the MCA on January 25, after a fall-out with the State party leadership. Lim Boo Chang and Lim Chien Aun, the assemblymen for Datuk Keramat and Bayan Lepas respectively, had won their seats under the Gerakan in the general election.

Asked if the controversy over the "two Lims" had been settled, Keng Yaik said: "They are members of the MCA now. Thank you very much. We have put the matter behind us and will continue with our political struggle in Penang."

Keng Yaik was speaking at a Press conference at the party headquarters to announce the date for the Gerakan national delegates conference. It will be held on Sept 23 in Penang and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to open it.

Keng Yaik said the party wanted to find ways to strengthen its role in the Barisan Nasional. "We want to analyse the changing pattern of voting behaviour and counter the lies spread by the Opposition," he added.

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