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GERAKAN CHIEF HITS OUT AT NON-PERFORMING BRANCH LEADERS

PENANG, Aug 19 (Bernama) -- Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik today hit out at party leaders at the divisional and branch levels who are not discharging their responsibilities but unwilling to give up their posts.

"Leaders of some of the divisions and branches are not capable of performing their duties," he said.

Some of them do not even bother to attend delegates' conference that are held once a year, he told reporters after opening the Penang Gerakan delegates' conference.

Noting that only 72 percent of the 172 delegates were present at the conference, he said those absent were clearly not performing their duties and should make way for others.

Dr Lim said many of these leaders were clinging on to their posts for selfish reasons like seeking government projects and state awards.

In a bid to make sure that they did not lose their posts, they resort to preventing people from joining their branches as new members, he said.

To overcome this, the party's top leadership has decided to use its constitutional powers to admit those wishing to join any branch of the party.

"National Gerakan will place new members, especially women, in the branches and divisions that shut their doors on them," said Dr Lim.

Meanwhile, Dr Lim said this year's Gerakan general assembly, scheduled for Sept 22 and 23, had been postponed to Sept 29 and 30 at the request of the Prime Minister's Office.

He said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who had been invited to open the assembly, had a tight schedule on Sept 22.

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