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Chan: SUPP has no place for those with personal agendas

KUCHING, Wed. - Sarawak United People's Party president Tan Sri Dr George Chan Hong Nam said today that leaders and members with "big egos" and "selfish personal agendas" have no place in the party.

Opening SUPP's 10th youth and ninth women's delegates conference at the party headquarters here, Dr Chan said all members should be guided by the principle of putting party interests before self.

He stressed that "unity and solidarity" must always remain the party's top agenda.

"You should also try to avoid confrontational, factional and frictional politics both within the party or among Barisan Nasional component parties.

"Such an approach to politics cannot do good to the party.

"On the contrary, it will lead to our downfall or bring about chaos," he said.

Dr Chan, who is also Deputy Chief Minister, said he personally believed that it was more meaningful to be a "small chief" in a strong and united party than to be a "big chief" in a chaotic and disunited party.

He added that when there were internal issues or problems within the party, members and leaders should not simply go to the Press but sit down and reach a consensus in a diplomatic manner.

"It is neither the party culture nor the norm of the party for any leader or member to highlight the party's internal problems or issues in the Press or to leak any party internal information as internal problems or issues are like family matters.

The triennial delegates conference of the party's main body is scheduled to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.