

Keadilan: Let Chin Peng return to pay respects

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PETALING JAYA: The DAP and Parti Keadilan Rakyat have commended the Government for not banning the memoirs of Chin Peng, the secretary-general of the now defunct Communist Party of Malaya.

Keadilan president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said in a statement yesterday that it was the right decision because Malaysians were now mature enough to make judgments themselves.

However, she said Keadilan would like the Government to allow Chin Peng to come home to launch the book and to pay his respects to his dead parents and ancestors, who have been laid to rest in Malaysia.

The Government decided not to

ban Chin Peng's book *My Side of History* which was published recently.

In the final chapter, Chin Peng wrote of his wish to return to his hometown Sitiawan to visit the graves of his grandfather, parents and brothers.

"Paying respect to deceased parents and ancestors are good and positive values of all the races," Dr Wan Azizah said.

DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang urged Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed to allow Chin Peng to return. He said yesterday that this was one of the unfinished tasks Dr Mahathir must do before he stepped down as Prime Minister.