

**DAP offers BN olive branch in corruption fight**  
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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng has extended an olive branch to help BN in its anti-corruption efforts.

"DAP is making this offer in the national interest following the latest survey by Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M), which showed that Malaysians were losing faith in the government's effort to fight graft," he said in a statement yesterday.

dap special meeting 110313 lim guan engThe survey had showed that only 31 percent of respondents thought the government's anti-corruption efforts were effective, down from 49 percent in 2011.

Respondents also said the police was the most corrupt institution in the country.

Lim (left) said while other countries like China had made progress by even sentencing its ministers to death for corruption, Malaysia's government was still adopting a "see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil" approach.

He pointed out that according to the Washington-based Global Financial Integrity Report, Malaysia had lost between RM27 billion to one trillion ringgit over the last ten years in illicit outflow of funds.

"Corruption is so ingrained within the BN political culture that it is said that, 'if corruption is not wiped out, Malaysia dies; if corruption is wiped out, BN dies'.

"BN must be willing to prove this wrong by making fighting corruption the central thrust of government through institutional measures and not merely playing lip service," he said.

To this end, Lim said it was prepared to work with BN to implement institutional changes to uphold integrity.

The changes, he said, include implementing open competitive tenders, public declaration of assets by government leaders and full disclosure of government contracts signed with the private sector and ban on family members of government leaders to conduct business with the government.

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