

**Dyana, continue planting seeds for new Malaysia**  
**MalaysiaKini.com**  
**Jun 2, 2014**

YOURSAY 'Who knows? A future Malay prime minister of Malaysia might come from DAP'

Guan Eng: Dyana not blamed for loss

Joe Lee: In the longer run, this may turn out to be a blessing in disguise. DAP candidate Dyana Sofya Mohd Daud is young and has a great future ahead of her, fighting for her 'Malaysianised Malaysia'.

Stay with it, and you will be thanked by all Malaysians. It's easy to fault the DAP leadership for the loss. But it's the only way to go for Malaysia's multi-cultural future. The politics of race and racism have already done enough damage to Malaysia.

Taiping MP Nga Kor Ming is spot on. "We have planted the seeds for a new Malaysia".

Now like Mah Siew Keong from the mosquito Gerakan, and all the other cari makan leaders from MCA and MIC would never understand what we mean, or have any vision of a better Malaysia, save their apple-polishing of the bad, corrupt and abusive gangsters of Umno. Enjoy your four years, Mr Mah.

Better make hay while the sun shines. You are lucky to have won. Congratulations. Nonetheless, 2018 will prove that you are on the wrong side of history.

Hanyayangbenar: So much to be learned from this just ended mini-election. While it was a bold and brave move for DAP to field a Malay candidate hoping to break the racial barrier, DAP has been punished in adopting the wrong strategy to woo the voters in this rural and semi-urban electorate.

The result proved that national issues do not matter in the minds of rural voters. They are still easily swayed by cheap promises and goodies by BN. Pakatan must take note of this - the journey to Putrajaya is still long and bumpy.

Open Minded: It is the party to take the blame and definitely not the candidate. Your coalition has shown of late, a disorganised lot of makeshift politicians trying to gain victory.

PAS plays a deceptive role and is a reluctant member to gain its own objectives. PKR cannot even control its own MB in Selangor and appears silently to support hudud.

DAP always plays an opportunist role and cannot shed its Chinese image. So, the current devil is a better choice until this dilapidated assembly of saviours has a more coordinated

agenda to wrest power and stand firm on its collective principles.

Sakit Hati Ku: The blaming game should stop. What is important, we gave the 'immoral beasts' a run for their money. It is a blessing in disguise for Dyana personally. She will be a more a matured politician the next round - the 14th GE.

She will return better prepared and aware of the tricks of the game played in the political arena. The win will be much sweeter.

Justice Pao: Dyana's election was lost in the rural heartland of the Chinese and also the semi-rural areas. It is better to send a local dialect speaking Chinese to handle the Chinese.

If you speak a different language to the rural and semi-urban Chinese, they won't understand.

Mah used this tactic to win over the Chinese uncles. DAP should have given training to old uncles who are die-hard DAP supporters, to campaign for it.

Even a young Chinese would not be able to convince the older Chinese. These people may not respect the young Chinese. Anyway it is easy to say and analyse when the election is over.

This fact is easily forgotten after a year. But it should be well documented and when a by-election arises, it should be printed and distributed to the main campaigners to take note.

It is okay to lose by a thread but lessons must be learnt and DAP think-tanks must work on it.

Trust me, this is a beginning for Dyana Sofia and the beginning of the end for Mah.

Cocomomo: DAP should recruit more Dyanas and bravely move forward even if in that process they lose the support of some racist non-Malays.

Sleepy: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step". DAP and Dyana, the Teluk Intan by-election is only the first step, not the journey.

Spinnot: Even Lim Kit Siang and the late Karpal Singh had suffered electoral defeats in the past. Remember this: "Failure is the mother of success".

Dont Just Talk: Young, educated and liberal minded Malay youths like Dyana Sofya are the future and way forward for Malaysia to succeed. There is no looking back for DAP and Pakatan just because of one setback in Teluk Intan to a local, heavyweight, Mah Siew Keong, who won by a mere 238 votes.

The bigger picture is to have a pool of young, principled graduates joining the party to be

future leaders of the country, as compared to the kataks (frogs) who croak rubbish and jump from pond to pond.

HatiPakatan: As usual in a socialist party, the boss is always right. DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang blamed the loss on low turnout but it was in a Chinese new village that DAP lost by 620 votes.

The number of lost votes was more than the majority of 238 and the spoilt votes of 550. Mah did a smart, humble and low profile campaign. DAP appointed an outsider to be campaign director who is smart but super arrogant.

Tony Pua thinks that only people from Ivy League universities from USA or Cambridge and Oxford can be on par with him. Teluk Intan is a semi-rural place and the strategies in new media of all his whiz kids with iPads and iPhones and doctorates in political science - won't work.

DAP should go back to the grassroots where DAP used to be strong. Perak is the home ground of the Nga cousins. Why then, send a Johor born, Singapore educated, Oxford trained and Selangor cari makan upstart MP to be the campaign director?

Don't upset your grassroots. Own up to your mistakes and apologise to DAP members. Dyana - well done, live, and fight again.

Fuminghot: Dyana's loss is a loss for anti-race politics. It is also a loss for the Y generation to come up. Look at BN and its components. Almost all of them are old and they do not give the Y generation a chance to come up because power brings wealth.

Appum: Umno/BN will continue with the time-tested tactics of intimidation and bribery in future elections but DAP must continue with putting forward young and intelligent Malay candidates to counter them.

Who knows? A future Malay prime minister of Malaysia might come from DAP. That will be the ultimate insult to Umno.