

**Partyless Pang keeps everyone guessing in Sabah**  
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Peter Pang En Yin, who left Sabah-based Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) early this month, is keeping everyone guessing over the party he wishes to join.

Pang, who has been retained in the state cabinet portfolio as deputy chief minister and state youth and sports minister for now, said he was quite content to be left on his own to consider all available options.

Met at the open house function of Chief Minister Musa Aman and state cabinet ministers here today, the Karamunting assemblyman said he wanted to focus on working and serving the people in his constituency.

"But what's important (is) I am still pro-BN, pro-government. I am not with any new party yet.

"I am by myself now. I just want to look after my Karamunting rakyat... there is some restructuring to do (following his quitting LDP)," Pang told reporters.

On Sept 1, Pang quit LDP in disagreement over the party's stand that it could not work with Musa, who is also Sabah BN chairman, but would remain in the BN.

The following day, Musa announced that Pang would remain in the state cabinet and keep his posts until further discussion with BN component parties.

Asked to comment on Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) and Gerakan's announcement that they welcomed Pang if he wished to join the parties, Pang said it was too early to decide and he wanted to be careful, this time around.

Liew: It's up to CM to decide

Earlier at the function, Pang was seen greeting LDP president Liew Vui Keong, who is also deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

Asked to comment on his current relationship with Pang, he said: "Well, as far as I am concerned, he is an ex-member. If he decides to join one of the BN parties, it is fine with me."

On LDP's prospects for the Karamunting seat in the coming elections, Liew said they would cross the bridge when they come to it.

Nevertheless, he noted, Pang went in for the general elections in 2008 under the LDP ticket as BN's candidate for the constituency.

Liew said it was up to the chief minister to decide on Pang's status in the state cabinet portfolio as it was "a matter of political expediency".

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