

Ngeh downplays Perak DAP's internal feud
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State party chief Ngeh Koo Ham has described the in-fighting in Perak DAP as part and parcel of a healthy democratic process as the party meets today to elect its state leadership.

kit siang, ngeh and guan eng "The expression of different views is part and parcel of a healthy process," said Ngeh at DAP Perak's 15th ordinary convention held at the Tower Regency Hotel in Ipoh this morning.

"I regret to note however that some media tend to sensationalise the run up to an election and I hope members will not (fall into their trap)," he said.

Ngeh (centre, in photo above) warned party members not to be swayed by such media speculations and close ranks after the state party election and be united in facing the coming general election.

He reminded party members to exercise their democratic right to elect DAP Perak leaders for the next two years, who are committed to the party's principles.

"As DAP members, let us nurture the democratic virtues in us so that it can become part of our culture," said Ngeh.

'Keep it behind closed-doors'

While Ngeh played down the feud between the faction formed around him and his cousin Ngeh and Taiping MP Nga Kor Ming, and that backing Ipoh Barat MP M Kulasegaran and party Pasir Pinji assemblyperson Thomas Su, the rivalry between the two had been a major feature in the run up to today's election.

The DAP state chief stressed that party problems should be resolved internally, and not taken up in the media.

"Do not wash dirty linen in public (and give ammunition for BN to attack us)," said Ngeh.

lim guan eng He added that DAP Perak's membership has grown to about 20,000 members and they have established branches in all the 24 parliamentary constituencies in the state.

Meanwhile, party secretary general Lim Guan Eng (left) in his speech noted the high turnout from the media at the party convention, and quipped, "We know what they are here for and we should not give them what they want."

He advised party members not to give the press room for speculation, and urged them to work closely for the unity of the party and to ensure that party services are rendered to the public.

The convention saw a turnout of 961 members, representing 78 percent of the state's 1,218 delegates.

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