

China's CPC-Umno youth leadership exchange raises eyebrows
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KUALA LUMPUR - An agreement between Umno and China's Communist Party (CPC) to have a youth leadership exchange programme has raised eyebrows among DAP leaders, whom UMNO has often branded as communists.

"And they accuse me of being a communist? Who's laughing now?" asked an amused DAP secretary general, Lim Guan Eng, a favourite target of UMNO's 'communist' accusation.

Umno secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, who signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in Beijing on behalf of the party for cooperation with the CPC, was reported as saying that the programme could help youth leaders to have better understanding of the economic and social development taking place in Malaysia and China.

"On their part, they are amazed with our achievements and racial harmony and would like to learn from us how we were able to attain this harmony without any bloodshed," Bernama quoted Tengku Adnan as saying.

DAP publicity chief and Petaling Jaya Utara member of parliament Tony Pua could not help seeing the irony of the latest development. "Is it a permanent swap?" he quipped.

His remark was followed by a message from Lau Weng San, the Kampung Tunku state assemblyman, who recently questioned the Education Ministry's decision to disallow elections for head prefect or head of class in school.

"No wonder they don't want head prefect elections in school. Looks like UMNO wants to turn Malaysia into a Communist state!" he exclaimed.

Lau had charged that the ban on elections robbed the students of their right to decide their own leaders. - HarakahDaily

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