

DAP's Lau denies allegations by Selangor MCA
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PETALING JAYA - Kampung Tunku assemblyman Lau Weng San (*picture*) had on Thursday denied the allegations made against him by the Selangor MCA and urged the party to verify its fact prior to "hitting out" at others for publicity gains.

The Selangor MCA has made its party "irrelevant" for making "unfounded claims" while focussing on "petty issues" as an attempt for their publicity stunt, Lau said in a statement.

Lau was referring to allegations made and published in *The Star* article titled "Kg Tunku rep under fire for statement" dated Sept. 23.

Lau was ridiculed by the Federal Development coordinator for Petaling Jaya Utara Dr Wong Sai Hou on Wednesday who claimed that he had failed to take action in a landslip incident at the Petaling Jaya cemetery.

The Selangor MCA public complaints bureau deputy chairman Kelvin Chong, in the same article, had criticized Lau, accusing him for lack of knowledge in the process of awarding contracts.

Lau clarified, and confirmed by PJCCA chairman Yap Chin Ho, that he was never approached by the Petaling Jaya Chinese Cemetery Association (PJCCA) for any financial assistance to rebuild the retaining wall related to the landslip incident

"If I have never received complaint from PJCCA or application for financial assistance from PJCCA, how could I reject them in the first place?," he said.

Lau said Chong did not understand the statement he made on Sept 16 as he did not make any comment on which ministry handles the class F contractor licences.

"My concern is that the issuance of class F license was frozen years ago by the Federal Government and Selangor state government.

"Local governments in Selangor are relying on the existing batch of class F contractors when calling for biddings for infrastructure works below RM20,000," Lau said.

The Kampung Tunku assemblyman said that non-Class F contractors were not allowed to make bids though they have the financial and technical expertise.

He believed that if the Federal government re-opens the licence, it will be able to save money.

He lamented that "Chong's focus is too petty as he does not realize the problem that we are facing now is not about what licences a ministry issues but it is about whether the government can tender out a job transparently and fairly."

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