

**Keng Yaik's resignation due to miscommunication, says Tsu Koon**  
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PETALING JAYA - Gerakan President Dr Koh Tsu Koon (*picture*) said the sudden resignation of party adviser Dr Lim Keng Yaik could be due to "miscommunication" while the party's Youth Chief Oh Tong Keong said the latter's decision will be respected.

*The Star* reported that Koh, who confirmed that the party headquarters had received Lim's resignation letter dated Oct 4 after 4pm on Monday, has urged all party members to remain calm.

"Although Dr Lim and I had talked about the Penang situation before, he indicated he would leave it to me and the present leadership to seek solutions.

"Hence, I had not contacted him directly after the extraordinary general meeting (EGM) move came into the open on 15 September.

"This might have led to some misunderstanding," he said in a statement Tuesday.

He said he had been actively monitoring and exploring possible solutions to the EGM in Penang, either directly with key leaders or indirectly through other leaders at various levels.

"I am in the process of consulting fellow central working committee members," he said.

Dr Koh, who expressed hope that the dispute in Penang Gerakan could still be settled, also reiterated that differences should be settled through party channels and the EGM should be avoided as far as possible.

"However, if those who signed the EGM petition insist on their democratic rights, then the democratic process has to go on smoothly.

"But all must accept the outcome and close ranks, as I have even openly pleaded at the party's Penang state delegates conference on Sept 26," he said.

Dr Koh said his main consideration was to try to preserve the solidarity of the party, especially in Penang, as well as the dignity of the key personalities who had contributed a lot to the party in various ways.

"It is my fervent hope that with or without the EGM, party leaders in Penang will come together quickly and focus on serving the people and the party," he said.

Meanwhile in Penang, Youth chief Oh said the party will continue to grow stronger to regain the trust and respect of the people despite facing a momentary setback due to the resignation of its adviser.

"Dr Lim is a great leader and we need to respect his decision to quit and acknowledge his tremendous contribution to the party," *Bernama* quoted him as saying after chairing the Barisan Nasional Youth meeting.

However, he said the party must stay united and grow strong to win back the people's heart.

It was reported Tuesday that Dr Lim had announced his intention to resign from his post as party adviser after claiming that he was disappointed with Koh's handling of party affairs and referring to the president as someone who has habit of "burying his head in the sand."

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