

**Kit Siang: Top law student Tan is a brain drain example**  
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PETALING JAYA - DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang said Tuesday Cambridge University's top law student Tan Zhongshan is an example of the country's brain-drain situation.

The Ipoh Timur MP said in his latest blog posting: "Tan is the latest example of the failed Barisan Nasional policies resulting in the costly brain-drain in the past four decades which Prime Minister-cum-Finance Minister Najib Abdul Razak's 2011 Budget has done nothing to resolve for the country to become high-achieving and internationally competitive."

Lim also congratulated the 23-year old student who obtained a first-class honours for his law degree and received a 'Slaughter and May' award for best overall performance in the final-year law examinations as reported Tuesday in *The Star*.

According to Lim, the country has been losing "best and brightest" students like Tan who chose to pursue secondary and tertiary education from abroad and had their parents joined the migration waves.

It was due to "unfair Barisan Nasional education and nation-building policies," he said.

"This is obvious from the report citing Tan as an ASEAN scholar awarded by the Singapore Ministry of Education after completing his A-levels at the Temasek Junior College in Singapore," he added.

The DAP adviser also claimed that there was nothing in the Prime Minister's 2011 Budget that demonstrate the government's commitment and political will to address the brain drain problem.

"What is there in the 2011 Budget to convince Malaysians that the budding Tan Zhong Shans in the schools in Malaysia, who can become top students in the world's top universities, will not be driven from Malaysian schools and universities to foreign ones by unfair BN policies only to benefit other countries eventually?" he questioned.

"The Najibonomics of the 2011 Budget is just a throwback to the old Mahathironomics of mega-projects like the proposal to build a 100-storey RM5 billion Najib Tower rather than to create a new architecture of Malaysian talents fully able to retain and utilize the contributions of the best and brightest of Malaysians," he said.

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