

**Koh Hopes Dr Hsu Will Reconsider Resignation**  
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KUALA LUMPUR -- Gerakan President Dr Koh Tsu Koon said he hope the party's central committee member Dr Hsu Dar Ren will reconsider his decision to resign from the party.

Koh who expressed surprise with Dr Hsu's sudden announcement to leave the party, said: "Although the first two years after the March 2008 General Election have been very painful, there has been concrete progress in the transformation initiatives driven by the Prime Minister (Najib Tun Razak), the Barisan Nasional (BN) and Gerakan."

"However, we must fully realise that such major transformations will take time to see big results which can be felt and benefited by the people," he said in a statement issued here yesterday.

"Similarly for political reform, there has been more open and sincere exchanges of views within the Barisan Nasional, Cabinet and state executive councils," he added.

Dr Hsu, a practising doctor, who was elected to the Gerakan central leadership committee in 2008, in a press statement posted in his blog yesterday announced his resignation from all of his positions in Gerakan, including as a Central Committee member, Federal Territory state liaison committee member, division chairman, branch chairman and ordinary membership.

He also said that he had no intention of joining any other political parties but would continue to voice out through writing and blogging on the importance of building a fair and equitable society.

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