

Selangor Sultan Suspends Chan's Datukship
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SHAH ALAM -- The Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has suspended the state award which carries the title "Datuk" conferred on former transport minister Chan Kong Choy in view of the court case facing him in connection with the Port Klang Free Zone scandal.

Selangor State Secretary Mohammad Khusrin Munawi said the sultan made the decision after taking into consideration that the charges against Chan were serious as it involved the interest of the people and country.

He said that the award conferred on Chan would be reviewed should the court free him of the charges.

On Feb 28, Chan pleaded not guilty to three counts of cheating over the PKFZ project.

Mohammad Khusrin said the Sultan of Selangor also ordered that the same title given to former Ekran Berhad executive chairman Dr Ting Pek Khiing, be revoked, effective March 24, 2011, after the Malaysian Insolvency Department, on Oct 29 last year, declared him a bankrupt.

"The decision to revoke Ting's award was made after taking into consideration that the title was inappropriate for a person who has been declared a bankrupt," the statement said.

The Datuk Paduka Mahkota Selangor which carries the title "Datuk" was conferred on Chan and Ting in 2003 and 1996 respectively.

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