

Guan Eng's Attempt To Save Self From Embarrassment
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Looking back at the debate on 18 February 2012, it becomes too obvious that not only did DAP Secretary General Lim Guan Eng avoid replying questions from MCA President Chua Soi Lek and from the audience on policies and administration of the country, the Penang Chief Minister now puts the blame on the organizers as allowing only MCA supporters to ask questions and DAP followers not given the chance to pose questions. In so doing, Guan Eng has lost the statesmanship of a debate.

Finding fault after the debate and not during

Being fault finding, Lim Guan Eng takes the audience to task after the debate session. This is unfair to the moderator Tan Ah Chai and the organizers. In fact, during the day long conference, in the day time sessions, several persons who posed questions were DAP supporters. Why didn't Lim Guan Eng say this is unfair? Furthermore, the people who asked questions had to queue up, taking turns to direct their inquiries to the debaters within a limited time. MCA members are also the rakyat. They have the right to pose questions to Lim Guan Eng, who is the Chief Minister of Penang and a DAP echelon member.

During the debate, Lim Guan Eng did not take questions directed to him by the crowd - giving answer that deflected from the questions. But he now accuses the people who posed questions as being all MCA members after the debate. This reduces the substance of a debate. What the audience wants to hear most is Lim Guan Eng providing a satisfactory and visionary answer to show the public the direction of Pakatan Rakyat and DAP.

Unfortunately, Guan Eng kept talking about the benefits to Penang people within a short time during his term, for example, giving RM100 to senior citizens. This can never fulfill the needs of people nor enhance the standard of living.

Lim Guan Eng dodges questions

Not only did Lim Guan Eng avoid replying the questions, he also ignored other issues, especially pertaining to Pakatan Rakyat's political, economic and social plans for Malaysia. This is very disappointing. By failing to reply these basic questions, how may Malaysians believe that Pakatan Rakyat as a political coalition has the ability to govern the country.

Largely empty DAP seats before the debate

DAP's focus tends to emphasize their party leader Lim Guan Eng. Most of the DAP members failed to be present in the forum sessions held from morning till pre-debate. Most of the reserved seats stood empty. Only when the debate was about to commence, only then were the the seats occupied. This proves that DAP supporters do not care for the rest of the DAP speakers at the forum, which include Dr Tan Sing Giaw, Chong Eng, Liew Chin Tong and Teoh Nie Ching.

Not only is such a circumstance unfair to the organizer, it is also a disservice to members of the public who were unable to enter the hall for the conference.

It is regrettable that in view of Guan Eng's dodging of every question from the floor or from that of the MCA President, DAP has thence shifted blame to MCA to divert attention away and help their Secretary General escape the embarrassment of being unable to reply the questions.

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