

Guan Eng's Belated Excuses
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The belated excuses given by DAP Secretary-General Lim Guan Eng on why he did not refute the allegations directed towards him by MCA during the "Chinese at a Crossroads. Is the 2 Party System Becoming a 2 Race System?" debate between him and MCA President Dr Chua Soi Lek last Saturday is ridiculous and his explanations should have been brought up during the debate.

Equal time was given to both sides to speak, but Guan Eng did not use the time to refute those allegations. He only explained his excuses at the press conference after the debate, and DAP leaders also kept sending press statements to the media to protect him, thus it is no wonder Guan Eng insisted on becoming 'Zhuge Liang' (one of the greatest strategists of during the Three Kingdoms era of Chinese history), as it proves that he, on hindsight, had noticed these problems.

There is no announced winner in the debate as that decision is left for the voters to decide. Therefore Guan Eng need not get himself over excited, as everything was fairly done.

The debate will naturally allow everyone space to rationally discuss issues, and starting a war of words after the debate is wrong and is in contrasts to the fundamental purpose of a debate.

Guan Eng accusations that Chua Soi Lek is purposely targeting him during the debate and that the arrangement of the debate hall was done in an unfair manner is baffling. Does Guan Eng think that Soi Lek's asking him to be like 'Liu Bei' (Emperor of the state of Shu Han during the Three Kingdoms era of Chinese history) is an attempt to insult him? Or does he think that 'Liu Bei' is not of equal standards with him?

There are two sides to every comment, and it depends on how can look at it. If one has a narrow-minded view or interpretation of things, than anything can be construed as a personal attack, and that is what has twisted the real meaning of the debate.

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