

## **Guan Eng's Blame Game Against Debate Etiquette**

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The blame game by DAP Secretary General Lim Guan Eng after the debate between him and MCA President Dr Chua Soi Lek has ended is in fact an assault against the rules and regulations and integrity of a debate and shows that Guan Eng lacks personal courtesy and etiquette.

His blames and complaints published in the media after the debate took place prove that Guan Eng is playing politics and further demonstrates his lack of confidence. Since the debate was broadcasted live on Astro AEC and is widely available to the public through many other channels of communication, thus the people are deemed to be the best judge of matters. It is not for Guan Eng to make any judgement or allegations after the debate has ceased. Guan Eng however went out of control after the debate, charging that if the debate was about personal attacks, he could knock down the MCA President within 5 minutes. This sort of announcement is egoistical and seeks to cover up his negating replying the questions from the floor by going on the offensive against MCA.

Guan Eng should take a lesson from Soi Lek, and realize that it is irresponsible to make cheap remarks after the debate in an attempt to win cheap propaganda. If Guan Eng's arguments were indeed well founded, then he would have been able to rebut during the last session of the debate, instead of boasting and praising himself over his achievements.

A debate is a platform to test and review the performance and eloquence of the debaters. Thus, I urge Guan Eng to have the humility and demeanour and let the people judge for themselves who the better orator is, and not make complaints based on 'hindsight'.

The MCA President has said that the rakyat were the winners of the debate. Thus, it is now up to the opposition to stop harping over last weekend's historical event. If each team continues to dispute the other, then it will turn into a long, tedious process. The Penang Chief Minister should know that to continue making noises is just to disgrace oneself.

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