

Guan Eng Should Not Insult KTAR
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All students of Tunku Abdul Rahman College would be ashamed of Lim Guan Eng.

The DAP Secretary-General should take the initiative to understand the reasons and the purpose behind the founding of KTAR instead of merely talking. It shows that he has not done his homework and he has shamed over 185,000 graduates of KTAR, as well as displays his ignorance and naivety.

Since the establishment of KTAR, it has successfully cultivated many talents, with more than half of the country's accountants graduating from KTAR, a non-profit institute of education. Other popular studies in KTAR include building and electronics.

I myself am a graduate of KTAR. I spent 5 years there studying chemistry and statistics, and I was also a successful recipient of KTAR's study grants which had allowed me to graduate.

There are many middle and working class students who are less fortunate and are not as lucky as Guan Eng, whose wealthy father had allowed him to further his studies in Australia. KTAR offers cheaper fees for quality education in the world. If it were not for KTAR, many students will certainly not be able to complete their higher education and graduate to be skilled and talented workers.

After graduation, I did not forget my past and had served as the President of KTAR's School of Arts and Science, and I was also President of the KTAR Association, which had played a role in raising funds for the establishment of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman.

During the debate on Sunday, Guan Eng had crossed the line when he insulted KTAR. I refute his statement as KTAR is not a second-class college, and I urge him to not make such childish remarks which display his ignorance towards education and its needs. Offending the establishment of KTAR is an insult to all its graduates.

KTAR was founded for a number of reasons. There were limited institutes of higher education at that time, and similar to what is faced by other countries, many students were unable to further their studies. Some were not good enough due to their results, some who could enter did not get the course of their choice which were generally courses involving construction, accounting and electronics. Thus, KTAR created an ideal environment for them and provided an opportunity for these students to complete their studies successfully.

Due to KTAR's ever growing standards, KTAR graduates are becoming more popular than graduates of other institutes, whereby KTAR graduates are able to find good jobs shortly after graduating. This has caused many students who have applied to public universities to continue to remain in KTAR.

Even within DAP, many of their leaders are graduates of KTAR including Serdang state assemblyman Teo Nie Ching, Seputeh Member of Parliament Teresa Kok, and Bukit Mertajam Member of Parliament Chong Eng. Does Guan Eng not recognize the fact that these leaders within his own party are KTAR graduates as well? Why did he insult his own party comrades?

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