

# Commitment, sincerity... and goodbye

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** A day before he retires as Gerakan president, Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik had only two words of advice for party members — commitment and sincerity.

The Tapah-born doctor, who has been party chief for 26 years, chaired his last central working committee meeting yesterday before he hands over the reins to Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

“These two words are enough. If I give a two-hour speech, they’ll forget. But give them two simple words, and it’ll ensure continuous development within the party.”

They should be committed to the par-

ty’s struggle and sincere in leading the party, he added.

After the meeting, Koh presented Dr Lim a book entitled *26 Years as President*, which contains Dr Lim’s quotable quotes since he was elected party president in 1980.

Later, during the opening of Tower 2 of Menara PGRM, the party’s building in Cheras, Dr Lim said now that the party’s “hardware” was complete, attention should be focused on the “software” — members’ commitment to the party and sincerity to ensure the party would continue to grow.

“If they remain true, the party’s leaders will easily lead us in facing future

challenges,” he said.

He also advised members to place the country, the people and party before their own needs.

“This has been my principle over the years and it has served me well. With such principles, you won’t go wrong in leading the party.”

Dr Lim described his last 24 hours as party president as an emotional time, filled with happiness and relief.

“I’m relieved I’m leaving the party in good hands. I’ll take whatever role the party gives me. I’ve asked them to organise seminars so I can travel around the country to speak about Gerakan and its struggles.”