

Keng Yaik: Time to nurture leaders

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'Need to ensure members can face challenges'

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KUALA LUMPUR: With Gerakan's "hardware" firmly in place, emphasis should now be given to upgrading the party's "software", said Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik.

Explaining the anecdote, the party president, who will be officially hand over his post to Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon today said the infrastructure of the party had already been established, and it was time to further nurture the quality and knowledge of its party members.

The move was needed to ensure its members possessed the ability to face future challenges, Dr Lim said at a conference after opening Menara PGRM 2 here yesterday.

"We are well informed of the internal and external issues affecting the party. However, we are in a good position to instil discipline and purpose.

"It is now up to Dr Koh to further develop and promote Gerakan."

Dr Lim, who is also Energy, Water and Communications Minister, earlier chaired his last central committee meeting, and was well composed when greeted by pressmen.

Asked on his advice for the party, Dr Lim, who described the current administration as a good mix of old and young leaders, said commitment and sincerity were two important factors.

"Service to the nation must follow a strict order of serving the country, people, party and only then oneself,"

said Dr Lim.

Dr Lim, who described his retirement as a joyous occasion, stayed true to form by endlessly teasing pressmen and even other party members with his witty quips.

"It's a very emotional and happy time, and I feel relieved, especially since I know the party will be in good hands. Should the party have a role for me to play in future, I would definitely accept it," he said.

Dr Koh had earlier presented a small booklet to Dr Lim documenting several of his illustrious speeches as president for the past 26 years.

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