

# Keng Yaik's new role after stepping down

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GERAKAN president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said his new role after stepping down from the party top post on April 8 will be to ensure the party retained power in its heartland - Penang.

To do this, he said he would be in Penang to help train the second echelon leaders to enhance the party's strength and position, *Oriental Daily News* reported yesterday.

Lim told a press conference after a dialogue with Penang Gerakan leaders that he would use the spare time to groom young party leaders, with emphasis on those from Penang.

This "never say quits" remark of Lim is an indication that the

man who has helmed Gerakan for 26 years wants to see the party remaining strong and stable under president-designate Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

With speculation rife that the next general election could be held at the end of this year or April next year, Lim cannot afford to allow the party under the new leadership to make any slip-up.

Lim, who is Bruas MP and Energy, Water and Communications Minister, said the general election will be held within two years and it is incumbent upon him to make good use of his time to train "leaders of calibre" to face the

polls. Penangites will see him more often in days to come, he quipped.

With Koh leading the party to face the next general election, the seasoned Lim has to make sure that nothing goes wrong in Penang for the party, especially now that DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng has set his sights on capturing power in the state in the next or the following general election.



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