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PETALING JAYA: Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim who will be sworn in as the new Selangor menteri besar today has pledged to allow public access to state government dealings and businesses.

The Parti Keadilan Rakyat secretary-general who won the Ijok state seat said he would discuss with the Selangor legal adviser to enact a law that enabled the government to be free from the restrictions of the Official Secrets Act.

"I will also ask the legal adviser to enact a law that will enable the state to give the public the right to information," he said at a press conference held a day after PKR, DAP and Pas wrested the state from Barisan Nasional.

The opposition, after winning 36 of the 56 state seats, agreed that Khalid should lead the coalition government.

PKR won 15 seats, DAP 13 and Pas 8.

Yesterday's press conference was also attended by state DAP chairman Au Yong Hian Wah and state Pas commissioner Datuk Dr Hassan Ali.

Khalid said he would discuss with the coalition partners on his exco line-up after the swearing-in ceremony before the Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

"After that, I will again seek an audience with the Sultan of Selangor to present him the list of the state exco members for his approval," he added.

He did not say whether he would appoint a deputy menteri besar, although the state constitution has provision for it.

There has been some speculation that either four-term Sungai Pinang state assembly-



Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim (seated right) will discuss with coalition partners his exco line-up after the swearing-in ceremony.

## SELANGOR

### STATE SEATS

Umno	18
MCA	2
MIC	0
Gerakan	0

man Teng Chang Khim or first-time Pandamaran assemblyman Ronnie Liu, both long-serving DAP members, could be appointed as the deputy menteri besar.

Khalid also pledged to embark on an open bidding system for projects, work towards reintroducing the local council elections and change the pro-Malay New Economic Policy (NEP) system in the state to a more equal opportunity style of wealth distribution.

"Of course, doing away with the NEP also means there is a need for an adaptation to certain needs of a certain community, such as the Orang Asli and the hardcore poor.

"All these will take time. We will also implement our various state-level manifesto promises," he added.

On whether DAP can co-operate with Pas in the coalition

government, Khalid said he believed all of them had the same mindset in terms of development for the people.

Liu, who is also a DAP central committee member and its NGO relations bureau chairman, said the party had no problem sharing power with PKR and Pas in Selangor.

He said they shared certain common values in that they all supported the fight against corruption and were pro-democracy.

"We have more similarities than differences. We are prepared to put aside the differences to work in the people's best interest," he said.

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