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# Guan Eng takes oath of office

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GEORGE TOWN: DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng was yesterday sworn in as the fourth chief minister of Penang.

Lim, 48, took his oath of office in front of Yang DiPertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas at the latter's official residence in Seri Mutiara here.

He had earlier received his appointment letter from Abdul Rahman, witnessed by State Secretary Datuk Jamaluddin Hassan.

Lim heads a coalition state government comprising DAP and Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) after they won 29 of the 40 state seats in last Saturday's general election.

Present to witness the event were former chief minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, PKR president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as well as the newly-elected assemblymen from DAP, PKR and Pas.

Also present were Lim's wife, Betty Chew Gek Cheng, who is also assemblywoman for the Kota Laksamana state seat in Malacca, his father, Kit Siang, who is member of parliament for Ipoh Timur, and other family members.

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*Lim Kit Siang  
DAP adviser*

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Umno assemblymen did not attend.

Speaking at his office in Komtar later, Lim said he had not expected to become the chief minister.

“This is a great responsibility and I will try my very best to meet the people's expectation of me and my administration.”

On whether he expected some “teething problems”, seeing that the DAP had never had any experience in leading a state, Lim said: “No doubt there will be some teething problems but we are prepared to work together with the people to ensure only the best for them, and we need time for that.”

Kit Siang said that during his birthday celebration last month, he had made a wish.

“I made a wish that DAP would succeed in the elections. I also wished for my son to lead the state. It looks like my birthday wish has come true.”