

Tiong slams Muhyiddin over 'haram' remark

JOHOR BARU: Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing has hit out at Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin for issuing a "fatwa" saying it is haram for Muslims to vote for the Pakatan Harapan (PH) candidate in the Pulai by-election.

Tiong, who is Progressive Democratic Party president, said the Perikatan Nasional (PN)

chairman and Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia president should not use punitive sentiments that could lead to misunderstandings.

"Now we see and hear all sorts of stories from Pas.

"Pas acts as if there is only one race, one religion in Malaysia," said Tiong in referring to the

component party in PN.

"Perhaps Muhyiddin has forgotten that Malaysia consists of various ethnicities and religions; we must respect each other. Don't pit us against each other and incite hate just for the sake of getting votes," he said.

Tiong also hoped that voters would give Prime Minister Datuk

Seri Anwar Ibrahim the opportunity to revive the country's economy.

At the PN talk in Dataran Utama Kempas near here recently, Muhyiddin reportedly said that it was "haram" to vote for PH candidate Suhaizan Kaiat in the Pulai parliamentary by-election which takes place this Saturday.