

**Unexpected Choice Of New Women Chief 'Refreshing' Says SUPP President
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KUCHING, Dec 9 (Bernama) -- The unexpected election of little known Kuching branch member, Tnay Li Ping as the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) women section's new chairman, was described as 'refreshing.'

Outgoing SUPP President Tan Sri Dr George Chan said Tnay, 36, who was elected at the women section's triennial delegates' conference yesterday, had the ability to draw a lot of young people together to assist her.

"Whether she is young or inexperienced, it is not important. I am happy with the new spirit in SUPP," he told reporters after chairing the SUPP central committee meeting at the party headquarters here today.

Tnay, who is a health management advisor and part-time deejay, was elected after some 200 delegates from the north and central regions, including its women chief Susanne Lee, staged a walk-out, half-way through the closed-door meeting here.

Kuching branch is from the north region.

Before passing the baton to the next president, Dr Chan said he hoped to see a new vigorous team with new leaders, new line of thoughts and new way of doing things, take SUPP into the next decade.

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