

**Anya Corke: I don't know Guan Eng's son**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 21 — The girl whose photograph was used by pro-Umno bloggers to level accusations of sexual harassment against Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng's son has denied ever meeting or hearing of the 16-year-old schoolboy.

Chess grandmaster Anya Sun Corke said today that she was "shocked, dismayed and baffled" as to how her photo was used without her knowledge or consent.

"I have never met or even heard of any of the people involved. I have never been physically assaulted in any way. I have never been victimised in any way by this boy or his family.

"The only way in which my 'modesty was outraged' has been by the publication of my picture in connection with these scurrilous and unfounded rumours," the undergraduate at Wellesley College said in a statement.

Pro-Umno bloggers had claimed that Lim's son had assaulted a 16-year-old schoolmate and tried to escape punishment by using his father's name.

But the DAP showed at a press conference on Wednesday screenshots from the blogs which used pictures of Corke that matched those from [www.chessbase.com](http://www.chessbase.com).

Lim had denied the allegations on Tuesday, saying he was furious with the "barbaric lies" made about his teenage son by "pro-Umno ferocious beasts."

His colleagues in Pakatan Rakyat (PR) have come out strongly in support of the DAP secretary-general against what they call "the lowest gutter politics" seen in decades.

The principal of SMK Heng Ee in George Town also moved two days ago to put an end to the accusations, calling them "completely untrue."

Sensing growing public anger, Umno MPs have been quick to distance themselves from the allegations.

Corke said today that she has not visited Malaysia for seven years.

"I would also like to express my sympathies to the boy who was defamed by these baseless allegations.

"Last but not least, I hope that members of the public and the Malaysian media will respect my privacy and refrain from making unsolicited contact with me and my family, college, chess federation, and any other affiliation," she said.

According to Corke's Wikipedia listing, she "is a Woman Grandmaster and the top chess player from Hong Kong who is currently playing for England."

She earned the title with her performance in 36th Chess Olympiad, playing for the Hong

Kong men's team.

She was the 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2008 Hong Kong National Champion (for men and women), thought to be one of the youngest national champions ever.

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