

No role for government in business says Guan Eng
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 3 — Penang chief minister Lim Guan Eng said today that the state government will leave business to the private sector.

“The business of government in Penang is to get out of business,” he said in his speech at the Third World Chinese Economic Forum here.

Lim (picture) said that the state had also established a Penang Science Council to rekindle interest in science and technology that will be run entirely by industry experts from companies like Motorola and Intel.

“If it’s run by government, they will block everything you want to do,” he said. “Industry however just goes out and does it.”

Lim added that the state is offering itself as a platform for “dreamers” and is building a village for small and medium enterprise companies (SMEs) as they were a source of innovative ideas and products.

“We must have an environment where people can be foolish and dream,” he said. “When you refuse to follow the line, innovation happens and society marches forward.”

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