

**No Need To Debate At Length On Medical Check-up For Candidates - Pairin
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TAWAU, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) president Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan said whether a candidate in the coming general should first undergo a medical check-up or not needed not be debated at length.

He said it was up to the candidate concerned whether to have a medical check-up or not as he should understand that to be a leader or people's representative, he needed to be in good health.

"Normally, a person who wishes to serve the people should check his health condition to ensure that he is fit to be able to move about and serve the people.

"There's no need for other people to question this. Logically, if anyone wants to be a leader and even an election candidate, being in good health is important, otherwise, you won't even to able to have a walk-about in the market place.

"Therefore, it is good for one to be properly examined by a doctor in order to be able to play one's role as an individual or leader," he said after visitng the Tanjung Market here, today, to wish traders there a Happy Chinese New Year.

He was commenting on the suggestion by MCA deputy president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, who is also Health Minister, yesterday that all candidates in the coming election undergo a medical check-up.

According to Liow, MCA would make it compulsory for all its candidates to have a medical check-up.

Pairin said the requirement for a medical check-up was not contained in the election regulations to enable an individual to be a candidate, but he admitted that health was important to enable the person to carry out his duties well.

On the market visit, Pairin who is also Sabah Deputy Chief Minister, said it as to foster closer relations between state and local community leaders and the people.

He said this was in line with the 1Malaysia spirit of strengthening unity among people of different races and faiths in the country.

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