

Guan Eng taunts Soi Lek in growing DAP-MCA spat
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 18 — DAP's Lim Guan Eng today demanded his political foe Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek disclose where the latter will contest in the next general election to prove MCA's "winnability".

"Will Chua Soi Lek dare to announce which seat he is contesting, then let me go to that constituency and repeat Liow's remarks that we are confident of defeating Chua then see how Chua will respond?" Lim pressed the MCA president in a statement today.

The DAP secretary-general was retorting Dr Chua's remarks yesterday defending his MCA deputy president, Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai. Liow previously said MCA could win unseat any DAP candidate in Bagan, currently held by Lim.

"I consider myself a winnable candidate everywhere I go," Dr Chua had declared at his MCA's annual general assembly on October 2 last year, after being challenged by his party rival and former president Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat.

"DAP is not interested in playing the boastful games of MCA, when the only one making political challenges is the MCA and not DAP," the Bagan incumbent said.

Lim who is also Penang chief minister, accused Dr Chua of public deception when the medical doctor alleged that DAP and its federal opposition partners in the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) bloc had mismanaged the island state's finances, resulting in budget deficits.

"Penang has no budget deficits but had recorded budget surpluses every year for the four years we are in power, certified by the Auditor-General Report," Lim said, adding that his administration remains the only state throughout the country that has been praised by world graft watchdog Transparency International for enforcing an open tender system to fight corruption.

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