

SPDP to help BN win back Chinese voters
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KUCHING: The predominantly Dayak-based Sarawak Progressive Democratic Party (SPDP) has set up a new committee to help Barisan Nasional win back the Chinese voters in the state.

The Special Chinese Outreach Committee would be jointly headed by its newly elected deputy president Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing and Senator Pau Chiung Ung.

SPDP president Tan Sri William Mawan said the committee could help the party understand the needs of the Chinese voters.

"Understanding the voting trend of the Chinese in the urban areas could be mind boggling and "confusing".

"Nevertheless, we would still try to play a role to win back the Chinese voters," Mawan told reporters yesterday after chairing SPDP's supreme council meeting, the first after its delegates conference last month.

Mawan said they had been "advised by BN to help".

"We have prepared ourselves to do that by examining various forums to see where we can fit into a system or how to form operation or collaboration.

"We will try to play a role to bring the Chinese voters back or to neutralise whatever negative issues that are there."

The meeting yesterday, at SPDP's headquarters in Jalan Badruddin, also agreed to re-appoint former Ba'Kelalan assemblyman Nelson Balang Rining as secretary-general for another term.

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