

**DAP Politicising PPSB, Duty-free Status To Gain Support -- Chua
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NIBONG TEBAL, June 9 (Bernama) -- Penang Port Commission (PPC) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek lashed out at several DAP leaders for politicising the issue of the privatisation of the Penang Port Sdn Bhd (PPSB) and duty-free port status, to gain the people's support in Penang.

Chua, who is also MCA president, said that the two different issues were part of the government efforts to develop Penang and to restore the glory of the port for the benefit of the people in the state.

"I am disappointed with the DAP leaders who tried to criticise the issues for their political mileage.

"In fact, with the duty-free port, it will become a tourist attraction while the privatisation of the PPSB will improve the operational capability of the Penang port to generate Penang's economy," he told reporters at the MCA building, here Saturday.

DAP leaders disputed the privatisation of the PPSB by the federal government and claimed that it was Chua's conspiracy to insulate the Penang economy and downgraded the Penang Port, for the benefit of Johor as Chua's birthplace.

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