

DAP gets to ride the rocket for GE13
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GEORGE TOWN, April 20 — The DAP can use its iconic rocket symbol for the May 5 general election after getting last-minute confirmation late last night, party secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said today.

He said the DAP headquarters in Kuala Lumpur received a letter by hand from the Registrar of Societies (RoS) at 10 last night, stating that it had no objections to the DAP using the logo, and that the Election Commission (EC) had informed all returning officers to accept nominations from the DAP.

"All DAP candidates can now use the rocket symbol," Lim said after filing his nomination papers for the Bagan federal seat here.

He said there had been no objections from the returning officer to the nomination forms using the party's authorisation letter, signed by him and accepted by the RoS.

"We believe all our candidates in east and west Malaysia can use the rocket logo. I believe the EC has informed all returning officers to accept nomination forms from DAP," he added.

The RoS's previous decision not to recognise DAP office-bearers had meant that no one could authorise the party's candidates to use its rocket symbol, which would have forced the party to run under allies PAS's moon or PKR's eye symbols.

The RoS had refused to retract its decision but had said, echoing the EC, that the DAP could continue to use its rocket symbol.

Amidst this uncertainty, Lim had said yesterday that DAP candidates would first use the rocket symbol for nominations today and would only opt for the PAS symbol in Peninsular Malaysia or the PKR symbol in east Malaysia if the returning officer rejected the first form.

Candidates would be issued with two nomination forms when they turn up at the 51 federal and 103 state seats that the DAP is contesting.

"We will prepare two letters of authorisation and we will submit the DAP ones first so if this is rejected, we will submit the second letter of authorisation from PAS to contest under the moon symbol," Lim had said at a press conference at the DAP headquarters here yesterday, referring to contests in Peninsular Malaysia.

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