

Guan Eng suggests ministers and mainstream media take English lessons
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Barisan Nasional ministers and BN-controlled English mainstream media should take language lessons to improve their vocabulary instead of spreading "ridiculous and malignant" lies, said DAP's Lim Guan Eng (pic).

The Penang Chief Minister was commenting on recent reports in the mainstream media that he had tarnished the country's image by belittling Malaysia to Hong Kong investors.

In a statement today, Lim pointed out that his trip to Hong Kong from September 3 to 5 was part of a state investment trip to woo investors.

"How can I get foreign investors to come to Penang if I run down my own country, as Penang is part of Malaysia?" he said, adding that he also met Penang-born Malaysians who are working, studying or residing in Hong Kong, whom he called the Penang diaspora.

In a report in an English daily on Monday, Semut (Sensible and Ethical Malaysian United Team) president Huan Cheng Guan criticised Lim for "shaming the country in a most unethical manner".

He accused Lim of saying that Putrajaya had resorted to phoney measures to cut costs.

"Would any sane investor want to invest in Penang or Malaysia after hearing this from a state leader?" Huan had questioned.

In a jibe at the ministers and the BN-controlled media for apparently not understanding the meaning of the word "diaspora", the chief minister suggested that they take English lessons to improve their command of the language.

"I regret that the standard of English has deteriorated at such an alarming rate that both the BN federal government ministers and BN-controlled English media have such a poor command of English vocabulary," he added.

Noting that he had released the full text of his speech to the Penang diaspora on September 5, he called on the Barisan Nasional-controlled media to print the speech in full.

In his speech, Guan Eng listed four issues with Malaysia that made it less attractive and competitive to investors in Hong Kong — crime, corruption, the rise in household and government debts, and the declining standards in education, productivity and labour skills.

He argued that the Barisan Nasional government has been playing up racial, religious and extremist sentiments to avoid dealing with the four issues. — September 11, 2013.

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