

It's status quo as Karpal, Guan Eng keep top DAP posts
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All the re-elected 20 DAP Central Executive Committee (CEC) members were re-appointed to their previous party posts.

Bukit Gelugor MP Karpal Singh has been reappointed DAP chairman, while Lim Guan Eng begins his last term as party secretary-general.

The party's constitution states that he can only hold office for a maximum of three terms, or nine years.

Lim's father, Kit Siang, remains the party's parliamentary leader, while Cheras MP Tan Kok Wai is deputy chairman.

The four vice-presidents are Ipoh Barat MP M. Kulasegaran, Penang exco Chow Kon Yew, Bandar Kuching MP Chong Chieng Jen and Seputeh MP Teresa Kok.

Former Bukit Mertajam MP Chong Eng and Beruas MP Ngeh Koo Ham remained as deputy secretary-generals.

Seremban MP Anthony Loke was also reappointed national organising secretary.

Guan Eng said the results reaffirmed the decision of the party polls held last December.

"I want to thank the delegates for returning the same set of leaders. This shows they are endorsing the decision that they made earlier in 2012," he said in a brief press conference tonight.

He also announced the appointment of 10 leaders into the CEC, and they were also the same set that was in the previous CEC.

Among them are Kepong MP Dr Tan Seng Giaw, Penang Deputy Chief Minister II Prof Dr P. Ramasamy, academician Dr Ariffin Omar, Ipoh Timur MP Thomas Su and Sarawak DAP chief Jimmy Wong.

The party has been at loggerheads with the Registrar of Societies (RoS) after it announced that there was a technical glitch in the December polls.

DAP held the fresh CEC elections to avoid deregistration following a directive by the RoS on July 30.

The election was ordered by RoS after several disgruntled members claimed that the election in December last year was not properly conducted after the party announced that a tabulation glitch had resulted in the wrong candidate being elected to the CEC.

These disgruntled members also claimed they were not informed of the party polls.

Loke had rebutted the allegations that it did not inform 753 delegates of the party polls and

produced evidence of members' attendance record, signatures and postal receipts which showed notices were sent out.

An international auditing firm was appointed by the party to monitor the counting process today to prevent a repeat of wrong tabulation of votes.

An attempt by a former grassroots leader to stop today's fresh polls was dismissed by the Kuala Lumpur High Court on Friday. - September 29, 2013.

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