

**No women, no Putrajaya, Guan Eng tells Pakatan Rakyat
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The opposition may have gained traction among the youths, but DAP today said that Pakatan Rakyat has had less success with female voters, which might affect the coalition's chances of capturing Putrajaya in the next general election.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng conceded that Umno, the backbone of Barisan Nasional, has an edge with the fairer sex.

"While PR has captured the imagination of the youth by empowering them with freedom, rights, knowledge, skills and responsibilities, PR has fallen short in attracting women.

"Without women support, PR cannot hope to win," he said in his speech today at the special congress to hold fresh polls to elect DAP'S central executive committee (CEC).

The Penang Chief Minister said to address the problem, there must be a systematic programme directed at women as currently practised on the island.

This includes the RM100 cash aid to housewives, free mammogram checks and the setting up of the Women's Brigade.

Later at a press conference, Lim said rural women are less willing to accept the opposition.

"We have to work hard to woo them so that we would be their natural choice. We need to stand out with more female-driven programmes," he said.

There must also be efforts to prove to women voters that there are opportunities for them in Pakatan Rakyat, citing Penang's example of appointing females to senior positions.

In the last general election, there were 6,664,474 female registered voters, or 50.32% of total voters.

According to independent pollster Merdeka Center, women and the poor had generally voted for BN while men and the middle and upper-class had leaned towards Pakatan Rakyat in GE13. - September 29, 2013.

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