

**Chinese Community In Sarawak Needs New Party - Taib
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KUCHING, Feb 27 (Bernama) -- The Chinese community in Sarawak needs to re-unite under a new party so that they can work together for the benefit of the community, said outgoing Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud.

He said the new party would re-capture the culture of politics in the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) that was practised before a crisis erupted in the party.

He said the crisis in SUPP had somewhat swung Chinese support towards the opposition.

"Leaders in SUPP have been quarelling for sometime and there has been no change to it.

"If SUPP can be revamped or new party comes up to recapture the politics in SUPP that was practised before the crisis, I think you will find out that the Chinese in Sarawak are more keen to enable them to have a channel with the government," said Taib in a special interview with Bernama Thursday.

On the failure of the opposition making a break-through in the state election, Taib said they failed to command the support of the voters because of their unacceptable brand of politics.

He said those who supported the opposition in Sarawak were mostly Chinese but added that it did not worry him because he knew that the Bumiputeras do not entertain the opposition's nice promises.

"The young people in politics only like drama, they only make noise and resort to shouting as a gimmick to win over voters.

"In Sarawak, the opposition will never win enough votes to form the government because they are unable to win the confidence of the voters to run the government," he pointed out.

He said if the opposition want to be the alternative government, then they should behave like one and must know how to run the government and not just favour a certain community.

"They must be able to fulfill their election promises and not just merely make promises to fish for votes," added Taib.

He said the people of Sarawak can understand and had accepted his politics of development which he advocated during his 33-year tenure as the chief minister.

"That is the political brand in Sarawak which the people have accepted," he said.

He said he trusted his successor Tan Sri Adenan Satem to continue from where he left to bring Sarawak to greater heights.

Taib said his sweetest moments during his tenure as the chief minister was every time his government (Barisan Nasional Sarawak) won elections with a big majority.

He said during his 33 years there was good and bad times but he took them as challenges to propel Sarawak to greater heights.

"Every time we won an election, I was very happy because it showed that more people were showing their unity and it also showed that they accepted my manifesto and the BN's manifesto," he said.

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