

I'll continue my fight, vows Lim

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KUALA LUMPUR: Out-going Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik may have set his retirement date but he will still be active in the party, fighting those who play racial games in the country.

Assuring members that he should not live like a "vegetable in his retirement years," Dr Lim said: "When I am no longer president or minister, I will go to every state to fight those who play the racial game."

"I will go and teach you how

to fight those who play with racial sentiments," he said when replying to points raised by delegates when debating the presidential address at the party's 35th national delegates conference at Menara PGRM here yesterday.

Dr Lim said he would be performing that duty as a life council member in Gerakan, adding: "I will be around. You cannot get rid of me."

He noted that those who played the racial card in their

haste to climb up the political ladder were being opportunistic and Barisan Nasional could do without such leaders.

"It is low standard politics as practised by a particular Youth leader. I don't even want to waste my breath to reply to the low standard 1950s racial politics," he said in an apparent reference to Umno Youth deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin who had come under fire for statements made at the recent Umno division meetings.

Khairy had reportedly said that other communities would take advantage of the situation by making demands if Umno was weak.

Dr Lim said it was important to have the Barisan spirit in which component members maintained power-sharing and understanding for the good of the country.

On whether he would take up an adviser post, Dr Lim said it did not matter as he had identified his future role in the party.