



About Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai

Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai first enrolled himself as a member of the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) in 1981 while still an undergraduate at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

Having faced many challenges as a Malaysian Chinese youth, Liow saw politics as the only way to instil constructive changes in the social and economic fabric of the country.

Upon graduation, Liow was appointed as a Research Assistant for the Institute of Strategic Analysis and Policy Research (INSAP), a thinktank initiated by the MCA before being appointed as a Personal Assistant to the Deputy President of MCA. Consequently, he was appointed Press Secretary to the Minister of Labour, and Political Secretary to the Minister of Human Resources.

Liow has always taken a special interest in organising activities and events targeted at youths. He founded the Youth Public Speaking Forum and the Youth Activities Centre nationwide. He was also actively involved in the Young Malaysian Movement. He has been a member of several MCA goodwill visits to China and has established close links with the Chinese Communist Party Youth Leadership. In addition, he was a member of several Barisan Nasional Youth delegations to Singapore and China and MCA delegation to North Korea and Taiwan.

In 1999, Liow was elected as a Member of Parliament for Bentong in the General Elections. Further to that, he was elected as MCA Youth Secretary

and Chairman, before assuming the positions of Vice President of MCA in 2008 and as the Deputy President in 2010.

As a Parliamentarian, he was a member of the Public Accounts Committee, Deputy Chairman of the Backbenchers Club and has represented the Parliament at the ASEAN Inter Parliament Organisation (AIPO) meetings. Liow’s political experience also extends to Ministerial roles, having been the Minister of Health Malaysia (2008-2013) and the Deputy Minister of Youth & Sports (2006-2008).

With his extensive political background and keen interest in communicating with and helping youths, Liow remains committed to ensuring a brighter future for the next generation of Malaysian citizens.

In October 2009, Liow received the Darjah Gemilang Seri Melaka (DGSM) which carries the title “Datuk Seri” from the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Melaka and the Sultan of Pahang also bestowed the Sri Sultan Ahmad Shah Pahang (SSAP) on Liow in February 2009 which carries the title “Dato’ Sri”. Prior to this he was awarded the Darjah Indera Mahkota Pahang (DIMP) in 2004, which carries the title “Dato’” and Setia Mahkota Pahang (SMP) in 1997. In 2011, Liow received the Darjah Seri Paduka Mahkota Perlis (SPMP) which carries the title “Dato’ Seri” from DYMM Tuanku Raja Perlis.

Liow has a Bachelor of Science degree from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and an MBA from Universiti Malaya. He is married to Lee Sun Loo and they have a daughter and two sons.

Political Career

1986 – ’88	Employed as a Research Assistant with the Institute of Strategic Analysis and Political Research (INSAP) based at the Party HQ
1988 – ’89	Appointed Personal Assistant to the Deputy President, Tan Sri Lee Kim Sai
1989 – ’96	Appointed Press Secretary to the Minister of Labour, Tan Sri Lim Ah Lek
1996 – ’99	Appointed Political Secretary to the Minister of Human Resources, Tan Sri Lim Ah Lek
1999 – 2004	Elected Member of Parliament for Bentong
2008 – 2018	Re-elected Member of Parliament for Bentong
2006	Appointed as Deputy Minister of Youth & Sports
2008	Appointed as Minister of Health
2009 – 2013	Re-appointed as Minister of Health

Party Posts

1981	Joined MCA as an ordinary member
1990	Chairman, Batu 1 Bentong Youth Branch Central Committee member, National Youth Committee member, National Youth Cadre Training & Publicity Bureau
1993	Organising Secretary, Pahang State Youth
1996	Chairman, Bhg. Raub Youth Division Secretary, Pahang State Youth Organising Secretary, National Youth
1999	Youth Chairman, Pahang State Deputy Secretary-General, National Youth Head, National Youth Publicity Bureau
2002	Secretary-General, National Youth
2005	Elected as MCA Youth Chairman
2008	Elected as MCA Vice President
2009	Elected as MCA Deputy President (in the MCA Central Committee meeting)
2010	Elected as MCA Deputy President (in 2010 MCA Extraordinary General Meeting)
2013	Elected as MCA President

General Elections Participation

1982	Participated in preparatory and campaign work in the General Election
1986	Assisted in the General Election in the Party HQ Operations Room
1987	Assisted in the Gopeng by-election
1988	Assisted in the Ampang and Bentong by-elections
1990	Coordinator, Operations Room for Bentong
1995	Director, Operations Room for Bentong
1999	Candidate for the Parliamentary constituency of Bentong
2001	Director, Operations Room for Ketari By-election
2004	Candidate for the Parliamentary constituency of Bentong. Also assisted in campaigning in various DAP strongholds in other parts of the country
2008	Candidate for the Parliamentary constituency of Bentong
2013	Candidate for the Parliamentary constituency of Bentong

Noteworthy Party / BN activities

1992	Founded the Youth Public Speaking Forum
1993	Attended the International Youth Exchange Programme, Taiwan.
1996	Involved in the setting up of The Youth Activities Centre nationwide Actively involved in various fund raising campaigns for TAR College, including the Langkawi Project for Educational Excellence Member of the Youth delegation in a special dialogue with the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister
1999	Founded The Youth Speaker's Corner. Member of BN Youth delegation in a special dialogue with Young PAP in Singapore. Member of BN Youth delegation to China (the longest Malaysian flag was attached to the Great Wall) Member of MCA Youth delegation in goodwill visits to North Korea, China and Taiwan.
2002	Played a substantive role in various BN Youth activities like The Peace Malaysia Movement, Palestinian Issues, etc. Assisted in the management of Youth campaigns such as the 'Proper English' Recruitment programme of young professionals and Life-long Learning Member of Youth delegation on goodwill visits to Kunming Beijing in China. Established close links with the Chinese Communist Party youth leadership Active participation in official discussions with various Ministries, including the Entrepreneur Minister on the MRSM issue, with the Human Resources Minister on skill development programmes, with the Works Minister on hill slope and toll issues and with the Youth & Sports Minister on the Youth Association Act. Successfully expanded the Youth Public Speaking Forum with 14 training centers throughout the country. To-date, over 3,000 youths have benefited from the Forum

Promoted the party's Life-long Learning programme with youth members through a tie-up with the Malaysian Institute of Management

Also established the Career Enhancement Programme in partnership with Jobstreet.com

As a member of the Nation Service supervisory committee, assisted in the setting up of a Trainers' committee to recruit more trainers from the Chinese community.

Honours

1997	Setia Mahkota Pahang (SMP)
2004	Darjah Indera Mahkota Pahang (DIMP)
2009	Sri Sultan Ahmad Shah Pahang (SSAP)
2009	Darjah Gemilang Seri Melaka (DGSM)
2011	Darjah Seri Paduka Mahkota Perlis (SPMP)