

## 10 tips for young aspiring politicians - from Bangi MP Ong

PETALING JAYA: Bangi MP Ong Kian Ming has given 10 tips to those from the younger generation who show interest in politics and policy.

First, the DAP leader said, those keen in getting involved in politics should gain experience through meaningful internships.

The younger generation, he said, should look for good mentors to guide them on such matters as their career paths.

In a statement, Ong said they should also surround themselves with like-minded people sharing the same passion for political activism and public policy.

He said it is important for the younger generation to get used to sharing their views and receiving criticism at the same time.

"I made it mandatory for my interns to create a Linkedin account for their professional development," he said, on getting exposure by utilising social media strategically.

He said he advised his interns to sign up for the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) account and get acquainted with data, which is important in the decision-making process.

Ong also advised youths to frequently listen to podcasts and learn from the new content offered by the hosts.

The former deputy international trade and industry minister said they should find some good recommendations on books to read so they can understand the ideas and perspectives of the authors.

He said professional exposure in the corporate sector is also important to understand the structure of organisations.

When the youths have gained experience and developed their mentorship skills, they should also teach the generation after them, he added.

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