

# Nothing wrong with Petaling Street signage, says DBKL

**PETALING JAYA:** There are no plans to alter or remove the Chinese script of the current signage at Petaling Street as it adheres to official guidelines and policies, says Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

It also refuted claims that there was a proposal to remove the Chinese characters from the signboard, saying it was baseless.

“These allegations are not true and we wish to inform the public that the signboard installed at the Jalan Petaling hawker centre complies with the established guidelines and policies.

“As of now, DBKL has no plans or proposals to alter or remove the Chinese characters from the signboard,” the City Hall said in a

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**“We wish to advise the public not to be influenced by these baseless allegations and to refer to DBKL for accurate information.”**

Kuala Lumpur City Hall

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statement yesterday.

DBKL also explained that all decisions regarding signboards are made in accordance with the Federal Territory Advertisement By-Laws 1982, taking into account heritage, cultural aspects and the

needs of the local community.

“Any changes to signboards will go through a thorough evaluation process.

“We remain committed to ensuring that Kuala Lumpur continues to be an inclusive city that

respects the cultural diversity and heritage of all communities.”

On Sunday, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong expressed concerns about preserving Chinese signage in Petaling Street, emphasising its deep-rooted cultural and historical significance.

He was responding to concerns raised by Kuala Lumpur Hawkers and Petty Traders Association chairman Datuk Ang Say Tee at a Chinese New Year open house in Petaling Street, co-hosted by the Federal Territories MCA and the association.

Recalling its heritage, Dr Wee shared that as a child, he learned about Yap Ah Loy, who established a tapioca flour factory

there in the late 1800s, supplying the global market.

“His efforts symbolised the hard work of our ancestors,” Dr Wee said.

He noted that Petaling Street, once Kuala Lumpur’s commercial hub, remains a well-known tourist attraction.

He added that MCA would continue supporting efforts to safeguard its history and identity.

“As long as Malay signage remains prominent, Chinese characters should not be erased.

“Our ancestors built communities here, contributing to education and culture.

“It would be illogical if we can’t even retain Chinese signage in Petaling Street,” he added.