

Subra and Maha made deputy ministers

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — MIC deputy president Datuk S. Subramaniam has been re-appointed Deputy Agriculture Minister while treasurer Datuk M. Mahalingam has been made Deputy Human Resources Minister.

Datuk Subramaniam has also been appointed a senator with effect from

today. He will be sworn in on Wednesday.

The PM's Department said in a statement that the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Azlan Shah had consented to the appointments.

They will receive their letters of appointment and take their oath of office before the King at Istana Negara on Thursday.

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said he

was relieved the two MIC deputy ministers had finally been appointed.

He told reporters at Parliament House that he expected Datuk Subramaniam and Datuk Mahalingam to carry out their duties "to the expectation of the nation, people and party."

Datuk Subramaniam, he said, was an experienced deputy minister while Datuk Mahalingam had

served as a Selangor exco member for eight years.

Datuk Subramaniam, in an interview at his residence, pledged to "do my best to serve the nation, party and community."

He said he would also try to bring about greater understanding among MIC members to make the party stronger.

"It will not be difficult as there has been a lot of positive response from all

quarters in the community for the peace move," he added.

Datuk Mahalingam, 54, pledged to "excel myself in the position I have been entrusted with."

He said he was happy to be in the Human Resources Ministry as it would give him the opportunity to do his bit for estate workers who, he said, were a trodden lot.

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