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DR AFFIFUDDIN TO CONTEST FOR CPA PRESIDENT'S POST

KUALA LUMPUR, April 16 (Bernama) -- Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Dr Affifuddin Omar said today he will contest for the Commonwealth Parliament Association (CPA) president's post at the August general assembly to be held here.

He said he would garner support from Commonwealth countries in Asia because Britain would surely support his sole challenger from a Caribbean island country.

"We'll try to get the support of Pakistan, India, Hong Kong and, if we could, even that of Australia," he told reporters at the Parliament House here.

The incumbent CPA president is Sir Collin Sheppard of Britain while Affifuddin is the CPA country president for Malaysia and also a member of the CPA Executive Council.

Dr Affifuddin, who would be in South Africa next week to attend the CPA council meeting, said he would visit Zimbabwe to ask for their support.

He said the post was once held by Tan Sri Musa Hitam in the early 70s and it was not impossible for another Malaysian to hold the post again.

Dr Affifuddin said the post would be a good platform for the country's representative to give ideas on current issues related to the importance of the global community.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to open the CPA general assembly. The association comprises 40 members of the Commonwealth countries. --Bernama

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