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GERAKAN WANTS KOH TO BE RETAINED AS PULAU PINANG CHIEF MINISTER

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Gerakan will propose to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Tan Sri Koh Tsu Khoo be retained as Pulau Pinang Chief Minister, Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Kheng Yaik said today.

He said that Koh had performed well since assuming the post in 1990 and was accepted by the people there.

"But we will leave it to the prime minister to make the final decision," he told a news conference at Gerakan headquarters, here.

Lim said he was confident that the state would progress further under the leadership of Koh, who retained his Tanjong Bungah state seat in the just-concluded general election.

Koh, who was also present at the news conference, said he would wait for the prime minister's announcement first before making any comment.

"It's not proper for me to say anything now. Just wait for while," said the 50-year-old Koh.

Lim said he would also discuss the party's line-up in the state exco once Dr Mahathir approved Koh's nomination.

He said he would discuss with the prime minister and several mentris besar on the formation of state governments.

"But we will not apply any pressure as we are confident the spirit of Barisan Nasional will prevail," he said.

Gerakan won seven parliamentary and 22 state seats in the election.

The party scored an upset when it ousted DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang in the Bukit Bendera parliamentary and Kebun Bunga state seat in Pulau Pinang.

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