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Subra pledges not to challenge for top post

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - MIC deputy president Datuk S. Subramaniam has pledged not to challenge party chief Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu next year following a call from the youth wing that the veteran leader be returned unopposed.

He said the party was very united and there were no internal problems.

"You are asking me this so early. The election is next year. There is no talk about any contest. I have no intention of taking on the president.

"We must now think of the general election and consolidating the party. In fact, the party election is far from the minds of delegates," he said.

He said this during tea break at the 53rd annual delegates' conference when asked if he would be going for the top post next year.

During the debate on the presidential address yesterday, a delegate had proposed that there be no contest for the top post as Samy Vellu was an exemplary leader.

Subramaniam said the party was now looking at how to deliver Indian votes to the Barisan Nasional.

"The thrust of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's message was that Indians form the critical minority in the country and we must honour the Prime Minister's trust in us.

"The Indian community must ensure the BN is returned with a two-thirds majority for political stability, economic recovery and unity among the races. "We can see the trend among the opposition parties which are showing extreme views and positions on issues and basic rights."

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