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IPF members present Pandithan a Mercedes Benz

NEW CAR ... All Malaysian Indian Progressive Front party president Datuk M.G. Pandithan (left) receiving a mock key of his new Mercedes Benz 230E from Tamil daily Malaysia Nanban editor Athi Kumanan.

Pandithan received the car from party members in conjunction with him being conferred a datukship by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong on June 3.

A party spokesman said IPF members had collected money to buy the car.

IPF has about 500,000 members. The party was formed after Pandithan was sacked for breach of discipline from the MIC in 1988. He had been an MIC vice-president.

In his speech, Pandithan said IPF would continue its attempt to be a member of the Barisan Nasional by holding dialogues with BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu.

He said the party had been in a "long struggle for the past 12 years" to seek entry into the BN fold. He said all BN component parties were ready to accept it except the MIC.

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