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Only one PPP vice-president returned

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Only one of the three vice-presidents of the People's Progressive Party retained his position in the party's election yesterday.

The party's two-day assembly was officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Putra World Trade Centre.

S. Subrayan received 448 votes to come out third in the contest which saw eight contenders for the post.

The two newly-elected vice-presidents are Klang division chairman Maglin D' Cruz (who received 570 votes) and Kedah State chairman V. Nadarajah (543).

The others in the race were incumbents P.C. Low and A. Ayyathurai, and also Bukit Bintang division chairman Dr Daniel Chan, Sepang division chairman T. Tulukanan and Seputeh division chairman Dr K.S. Tan.

However, at the end of the assembly, party president Datuk M. Kayveas appointed Low and Thulukanam as vice-presidents.

Kayveas, when contacted today, said he had also appointed Ayyathurai as the new secretary-general, Chan as treasurer and Tan as information chief.

"Although they lost, we still need their services and these people have contributed a lot to the party."

On the contest for 25 supreme council seats, Kayveas said seven incumbents failed to retain their post.

Kayveas was returned unopposed for the third term. He was first elected in 1993.

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