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Koh grateful for support

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said he is grateful for the trust and confidence that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik have in his leadership.

"I am very grateful and will strive harder to do my best. I will continue to work together with all the Barisan National party components to overcome any challenges and lead Penang to greater heights," he said yesterday after attending the Gerakan central committee meeting.

Dr Lim, who chaired the meeting, said he was satisfied with Koh's performance. Asked to comment on talks that Koh would be "transferred" to a Federal minister post, Dr Lim said in jest: "Then what will happen to me? No, I want to keep him in Penang. I am not suitable to become a chief minister."