

**Koh brushes off quit calls**  
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Gerakan president Koh Tsu Koon said he still has supporters who want him to stay on, amid calls for him to step down.

NONE "There are those who invited me to go to their kawasan (area) and said 'please come and contest in our kawasan. We will support you'," Koh (left) told reporters at the Gerakan headquarters in Kuala Lumpur today.

He was responding to questions on his next move as party president, including speculation that there will be calls for his resignation at the party's National Delegates Conference (NDC) tomorrow.

However, Koh remained tight-lipped on which constituencies or whether he would contest in the upcoming general election at all.

"As I've said repeatedly, I will make it clear in due course, at the right time... It will probably be a month after the NDC."

He said he also asked his supporters not to openly discuss offers to stand in their constituencies, fearing that such discussions are "not healthy".

RM1mil for Chinese schools in KL

Koh was fielding questions after handing over four cheques totalling RM1 million from the Prime Minister's Department to Chinese private secondary schools in Kuala Lumpur.

He said that Federal Territory Chinese private schools were previously left out compared to schools in other states which received state government grants.

"I brought up the issue to the prime minister who has graciously agreed (to help)."

Speculation is rife on where Koh, a former Penang chief minister, will contest after he was defeated in the last general election and his party was wiped out in the state.

Despite his defeat, Koh was made a minister after being appointed senator, earning the ire of some of his coalition partners, Umno in particular, with Seri Gading MP Mohamad Aziz launching a broadside shortly after his appointment.

Since the 2008 election, the presidents of both MCA and MIC have stepped down, while Koh's initial offer to resign was unanimously rejected by the party.

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