

**Samy Vellu has no regrets on decision to step down**  
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KUALA LUMPUR - MIC's longest serving president S. Samy Vellu said today that he had no regrets over his decision to step down in January next year, as the party needed a new leader.

He said with the changing political scenario and landscape, the party faced great challenges and needed more young and capable leaders to serve the Indian community.

"So, I thought it is the time for me to leave and give them the opportunity to lead and serve the community and I'm very happy with that.

"I'm very clear that I have been given a chance by the community for 30 years to serve them and I think that was one of greatest period anyone couldm have ever had in this country's history," he said during an interview on the Hello Malaysia talk show at Bernama TV on Monday.

He also said he did not worry about the party's future as the new direction for the party had been set.

"By me leaving, the new leader will continue and the relationship with the people will also continue and in such circumstances, whenever people need something, I think they will approach the MIC. Things will be done as usual," he said.

He also said he would welcomed it if the future leadership of MIC needed his advice and views on how the party has to be or for solutions to resolve issues that may arise. - Bernama

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