

# 'I accept the decision'

## Subra hopes promises will be kept

**KUALA LUMPUR:** "I am slightly sad as I had expected to win," said Datuk S. Subramaniam.

The weight of defeat reflected on his face when the results were announced at Dewan Merdeka of the Putra World Trade Centre.

After all, he had held on as deputy president for 25 years.

Subramaniam had kept his composure despite the early indications showing that he would lose to Datuk G. Palanivel.

The moment of truth came at 7.30pm - Subramaniam 495, Palanivel 933.

Subramaniam, surrounded by reporters, joined in the round of applause for Palanivel.

"I respect and accept the decision that has been made by the delegates today.

"My only consolation is that there is now one engine and many carriages, all of whom would work towards bringing the party to greater heights.

"My hope is that the winning party candidates deliver the promises made to the Indian community," he said.

Subramaniam hoped his supporters

would accept his defeat peacefully although the election campaign over the last few months had worked "effectively" to his opponents' favour.

He said he would continue to work for the community as the Seputeh Division chief and a normal MIC member.

Earlier, he had asked the reporters why they were not grouping around the winning party.

The reporters said they were "on-standby" to interview him.

As the results were about to be announced, Subramaniam asked: "What if I won?"

One of the reporters replied that if that be the case, the long-awaited interview would be conducted on stage instead of where he was seated.

At his house at Section 16 in Petaling Jaya, Subramaniam looked calm as *The Star* reporter tried to get him to talk about his future plans.

"I will attend to my personal things in the next few days before I plan what to do next," he said adding that he had given a lengthy interview at the PWTC.