

Time to close ranks and work together, says Samy

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu wants members to close ranks.

"I think all allegations and campaigns will end tonight (last night). Tomorrow all will start fresh ... we will work together and we will work for the party," he told a press conference after the party elections yesterday.

In the polls, incumbent deputy president Datuk S Subramaniam lost to Datuk G. Palanivel while Samy Vellu's preferred candidates won all three vice-president posts.

On the increase of women in the party's Central Working Committee, he said that "women power" had made it possible.

He also congratulated Palanivel, vice-presidents Datuk S. Sothinathan, Datuk S. Veerasingham and Tan Sri K.S. Nijhar and the 23 Central Working Committee members on their election.

On Subramaniam's political future, he said he had nothing much to say since his long-time deputy is now an ordinary member and the head of the Seputeh division.



THE VICTOR: Samy Vellu raising the hand of new MIC deputy president Palanivel after he had defeated incumbent Subramaniam yesterday.