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# Subra: Najib has done more for Indians than other PMs

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has done more for the Indian community than any other prime minister, vouched MIC president Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam.

For this, he said the Prime Minister would always be “in the hearts of the Indian community”, citing the development of Tamil schools as among Najib’s notable contributions.

“Even the longest serving prime minister has done only a small percentage for the Indian community compared to our current PM,” he said to rousing applause at the 70th MIC general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

Dr Subramaniam said MIC endured an internal crisis over the past two years. “We have been dragged to court more than five times but we have persevered. I am trying my best to bring all factions to unite.

“It is not an easy task but with an open mind and heart, we will be able to achieve this and prepare for future challenges,” he said. Dr Subramaniam also highlighted the Barisan Nasional concept of power sharing, which he said was the secret behind the ruling coalition’s success.

“There has never been any country where one coalition has ruled for 60 straight years,” he added.

Dr Subramaniam, who is the Health Minister, urged all Barisan component parties to close ranks, strengthen the coalition and be wary of those who were now questioning the relevance of Barisan’s power-sharing concept.

“All races, whether majority or minority, have their own role in the political struggle of our country. Let us move forward together in the spirit that was started by our past leaders for us to move into the future,” he added.

On the next general election, Dr Subramaniam said the MIC will face the “mother of all elections” with a former prime minister and former deputy prime minister out to topple the current Government.

“The next general election will be about perception where social media plays an important role and influence. So we have to invest in strengthening our skills in utilising social media to ensure that Barisan Nasional will win,” he added.

A total of 2,500 delegates attended the assembly which carried the theme “Single Voice, Common Goal”.

Speaking at a press conference later, Dr Subramaniam said a group which created chaos outside PWTC were “paid by fallen MIC leaders.”

“There are two people responsible for this. One lost his membership when he took mat-

ters to court and one was dismissed,” Subramaniam said without naming names.

In 2015, Subramaniam ousted Datuk Seri G. Palanivel as the party president, saying the latter had automatically been stripped of his membership for taking party matters to court.

Datuk R. Ramanan was also sacked as treasurer-general for allegedly questioning the party’s dispute management.

The High Court had also dismissed two judicial review applications filed by Palanivel and four others against the RoS, which had investigated the party for irregularities in its 2013 election and directed it to hold fresh elections.

The four included former MIC vice-presidents Datuk S. Sothinathan and Datuk S. Balakrishnan, and former MIC secretary-general A. Prakash Rao.