

**Palanivel Takes Oath Of Office At Istana Negara
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 9 (Bernama) - MIC president Datuk G. Palanivel who was appointed Minister in the Prime Minister's Department took his oath of office before Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin at Istana Negara here Tuesday.

Palanivel also signed the oath of secrecy before Chief Justice Tun Zaki Azmi witnessed by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan.

Also present at the ceremony were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Dewan Negara president Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang and several Cabinet members.

Among Cabinet members present were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz, Human Resources Minister Datuk S. Subramaniam and Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Peter Chin Fah Kui.

Palanivel was Deputy Minister of Women, Family and Community Development (2004-2010) before appointed Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities (from June 4, 2010) in a Cabinet reshuffle by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib.

He was Hulu Selangor member of parliament (1990-2004) but lost to Datuk Zainal Abidin Ahmad of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) with a majority of 198 votes in 2008 general election.

Palanivel, 62, was appointed MIC president to replace Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu on Dec 6, 2010.

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