

**Muhyiddin urges all to accept Koh's decision**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: All parties must accept Gerakan president Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon's decision not to contest in the general election, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the Government appreciated Dr Koh's contribution.

"He has served long in the Government and party, and in his position as *wakil rakyat*.

"We acknowledge the great service that he has done," he said.

He added that Dr Koh's decision should not affect the Barisan Nasional's preparations for the election in Penang.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek said the party respected Dr Koh's decision.

"This has been much anticipated.

"Now that he has made it, we can respect it.

"I hope that Gerakan members will unite.

"Dr Koh is still the party president and we will continue to give our support to them to face the general election," he said.

Dr Chua said unity and harmony in Gerakan was equally important as in the other Barisan component parties if the coalition was to remain strong.

MCA vice-president Datuk Seri Chor Chee Heung said Dr Koh was magnanimous in making the announcement.

"I think he went through a lot (of pressure) in the last two months," he added.

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