

**Najib: BN accepts Koh's decision**  
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**BALI: The Barisan Nasional has accepted Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon's decision not to contest the 13th general election although the coalition's leader, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, said the Gerakan president will continue to contribute towards strengthening the government.**

Koh, who is minister in the Prime Minister's Department, had opted to stay out of the next general election to concentrate on efforts to strengthen Gerakan and also to continue explaining government policies to the people.

He will, however, retain the posts of Gerakan president and Penang BN chairman and will only decide on the presidency after the general election.

Dr Koh said his decision not to be fielded as a candidate in the election was the first step in Gerakan's transformation programme.

Meanwhile in Kuala Lumpur, deputy BN chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Koh had given due consideration to the voices of party members, in deciding not to contest in the general election.

Muhyiddin said the Gerakan leaders and members had voiced at the party's recent general assembly their views that Koh concentrate on efforts to ensure election victory for other candidates.

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