

**Peter Chin Firm About Not Contesting
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PUTRAJAYA, April 8 (Bernama) -- Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Seri Peter Chin Fah Kui today reiterated that he does not intend to contest in the 13th general election (GE13).

The Member of Parliament for Miri said he hoped Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, would give his blessings on his decision (not to be a candidate in GE13).

Chin, who is also the president of the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP), said he had recommended his political secretary Datuk Sebastian Ting for the Miri seat.

"The Prime Minister will make the final decision, nevertheless, I think he will agree to what I want," he told reporters after attending his ministry's 2012 Excellence Awards presentation ceremony here today.

Chin said although he was opting to stay out, he would still pay close attention to Miri and other constituencies held by the SUPP.

"For me, six terms as the MP of Miri is a very long time and it is time to make way for younger faces," he said.

He said SUPP would be contesting seven seats in GE13, the same number as in GE12, and that the party's manifesto would be announced on nomination day or after that.

He added that the manifesto would be changed slightly as some of the pledges in it were also in the BN manifesto announced by Najib on Saturday.

Meanwhile, when asked whether he would continue helming SUPP, Chin said it would depend on the party's polls at the end of 2014.

"We will see what happens, whether the delegates still need my service," he said.

The Election Commission has said that it would be holding a meeting on Wednesday to determine the dates for nomination and polling for GE13.

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