

**MIC veteran Subra's son ready for leadership role in party**  
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Despite objections to his appointment to the MIC central working committee, S. Sunthar is ready to be his own man.

The 34-year-old son of former MIC deputy president Tan Sri S. Subramaniam said he was looking forward to bringing in more youth into the party. A one-time rival to Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, Subramaniam has been in a coma since undergoing brain surgery in November 2011.

The Star reported Sunthar as being surprised at being appointed to the highest decision-making body in the party.

Sunthar said it would not be a problem working with MIC president Datuk Seri G. Palanivel, despite the latter ending his father's political career by winning the deputy presidency post in 2006.

"It's a different era now, political dimensions have changed. We are fighting to regain the Indian support and to do so, we must be united," he said.

Palanivel dropped strategic director S. Vell Paari and Puteri MIC chief Usha Nandini on Wednesday, replacing them with former vice-president Datuk S. Sothinathan and Sunthar.

Sunthar, who has been the deputy Youth leader of the Klang Lama branch for six and a half years, has also been returned as chairman of the Old Klang Road branch in the Seputeh division.

He said the party required many more new leaders to win back the community's trust, especially the younger generation.

"We need fresh blood in the party who will contribute new ideas," he said. - July 19, 2013.

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