PE 2023 and brewing questions over the elected presidency system

Tharman Shanmugaratnam won decisively but the issues raised during the hustings could come home to roost in a future race.

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Tharman Shanmugaratnam said democracy has a duty to be not only a process but an outcome, and it is just as important to have an elected president as it is to have elections. He said that the CMP, which was not a solution but a process, was designed to be a mechanism to ensure that the president is an elected position.

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