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DAIM LAUNCHES BOOK ON SAMY VELLU (Pix)

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 15 (Bernama) -- Economic Adviser to the Government Tun Daim Zainuddin, in launching a biography on Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu today, described the MIC president as "a man of many seasons".

Referring to Samy Vellu as one of his long-time and close friend, Daim said he gave the title to the Works Minister because of his ability to adapt himself to all situations.

"He is an all rounder and an eloquent speaker," said the former Finance Minister when launching the book titled "MIC Era Samy Vellu" at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

The author of the 250-page book, M.Vivekananthan, a High Court interpreter, took three years to complete it. It gives an account of Samy Vellu's background from his childhood days till he rose to become a party leader and minister.

Among the hundreds of people who attended the function were Samy Vellu's wife Datin Seri Indrani and MIC permanent chairman and Ubaidi Foundation chairman Tan Sri S.O.K.Ubaidulla.

Daim paid tribute to Samy Vellu as a leader who has helped to shape the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"His good relations with Dr Mahathir coupled with good leadership qualities have made his an able and effective leader," he said.

He said Samy Vellu, who was conferred the title "Man of the Year" by the International Roads Federation in Las Vegas in 1989, has taken the MIC to greater heights since he took over the helm in 1979.

Daim also said that the effort by the author to write the book in Malay was commendable and deserved praise.

The book is priced at RM30 a copy. -- BERNAMA

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