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MIC APPROVES AMENDMENT ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

KUALA LUMPUR, July 22 (Bernama) -- MIC's Central Working Committee today approved an amendment to the party's constitution, allowing the President to be elected by the delegates of the general assembly once every three years.

President Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said the amendment would be submitted to the Registrar of Societies for approval.

"The amendment will also be tabled at the coming Aug 4 general assembly," he told reporters after chairing the CWC meeting here today.

Samy Vellu said, under the amendment party member aspiring to be a presidential candidate must receive at least 30 nominations from the delegates.

Under the existing provision, the president is elected by a 22-member committee of each branch with the election held separately from those of other important posts in the party.

Samy Vellu, who is also Works Minister, said the general assembly to be held on Aug 3 and 4 at Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) would be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

On the MIC's golden jubilee celebrations on Aug 3, he said the party would invite all ministers, deputy ministers, menteriis besar and chief ministers as well as leaders of Barisan Nasional component parties.

"We will also give a special award to 30 Indian community leaders who have contributed to the party and community," he said. -- BERNAMA

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