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MIC TO HAVE A NEW IMAGE

KUALA LUMPUR, March 3 (Bernama) -- MIC will make several changes, including the introduction of a new party logo and the opening of more branches in keeping with changes, its president, Datuk Seri Samy Vellu, said today.

The move was also consistent with the struggles, initiated by the party some 50 years ago, to improve the Indian community and now taking them to the 21st century.

"MIC will be celebrating its golden jubilee in August, and we will strive to bring about a new image for the party, making it like a corporate body," he told reporters after addressing party division leaders from various states at the party headquarters here.

Samy, who is Works Minister, said the creation of a new image was a vital factor in ensuring a more dedicated and quality leadership and service at all levels to meet present and future challenges.

Various motivation-oriented programmes would be also be carried out as part of the efforts to create the new image, and to overcome what he described as the "crisis-motivated" situation often faced by its leadership at all levels.

A total of 800 new party branches with 60,000 members would be initiated this year, bringing the overall total membership to 460,000, which Samy said was an effective service expansion for the Indian community.

He also announced the setting up of an education fund to raise RM5.6 million in donation, brought from campaigns carried out by 56,500 leaders of the 2,500 branches.

On the party's golden jubilee celebration, Samy said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would be accorded the special honour on the occasion, as bestowed upon the late former Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman when he attended the party's 25th anniversary celebrations.

Samy also said the government had agreed in principle to approve a medical college for Alor Star at a cost of RM100 million in cooperation with the Bristol University in Britain.

The college would be a fully integrated institution with its medical degrees awarded by the Britol University, while the Alor Star Hospital would provide the practical training.

On the proposed RM70 million Technology College in Perak, Samy said the area earmarked for the site would have to be increased to 50 hectares and this was being looked into with the Perak government.-- Bernama

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