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First meeting of council next month

IPOH, Sun. - Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today the first meeting of the National Water Council, to be chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, would be held next month.

The focus of the meeting will be on the acute water shortage problem in the Klang Valley and the relevant projects and plans to solve the problem. The council was formed on April 29.

Water problems in other States, including Penang and Negri Sembilan, will also be discussed.

On the water shortage, he said heavy rainfall was expected in September.

Samy Vellu, who is also MIC president, was speaking after receiving RM1.2 million from Perak MIC members and the public for the Koperasi Didik here.

He said RM2.5 million had been collected so far, including RM1.1 million from Johor. Selangor had promised to collect RM3 million by July.

The co-operative, which hopes to collect RM100 million by the year-end, will offer loans for tertiary education. Each member will pay at least RM25 monthly.

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