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JOHOR MIC URGES GOVERNMENT TO ACT ON CPF ISSUE

JOHOR BAHRU, July 12 (Bernama) -- Johor MIC today called on the government to persuade Singapore to allow Malaysians from the peninsula who no longer work in the republic to withdraw their Central Provident Fund (CPF) savings.

The call was contained in a resolution passed at the 37th Johor MIC Convention.

The resolution noted that people from peninsular Malaysia who had worked in Singapore had millions of ringgit in CPF savings, and it was unfair of Singapore not to allow them to withdraw their money now.

Singapore only allows them to withdraw their savings in full upon reaching 55, or at 50 if they had not worked in the republic for two years prior to making their applications.

This restriction does not apply to workers from other countries as well as Sabah and Sarawak. They can withdraw their savings once they stop working in Singapore.

Another resolution passed by Johor MIC expressed support for the measures taken by the government and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to restore the country's economy.

Earlier, party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said Johor MIC was the first state MIC to raise more than RM1 million for Koperasi Didik, a cooperative set up by the party to finance the education of Indian Malaysians.

The cooperative hoped to raise about RM20 million by attracting 200,000 members by the end of this year, he said when opening the convention.

Talking to reporters later, Samy Vellu said all MIC branch chiefs would soon be required to attend leadership courses to be held once in every six months.

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