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MIC COLLEGE TO MEET DEMAND FOR SKILLED WORKFORCE

KUALA LUMPUR, April 30 (Bernama) -- The MIC will set up Kolej Darul Ridzuan, an information technology and multimedia college, in Perak to help meet the country's skilled manpower needs, party president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said today.

He also said the MIC was seeking to upgrade the status of its Tafe College in Seremban to a university.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the MIC Central Working Committee (CWC) meeting at the party headquarters here, Samy Vellu said both the institutions were expected to supply the country with several thousands of skilled workforce annually.

On the RM15 million college to be built on a eight hectre (20 acres) land in Tambun, Ipoh, he said it would be undertaken in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) based in New Delhi.

"We hope to set up the college by next year," he said, adding discussions with IIT were underway.

Samy Vellum, who is Works Minister, said the college would initially offer diploma courses in various technological subjects in line with the seeting up of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

He said the college which was expected to take in 1,500 students, would be open to all.

The MIC chief said the academic staff of the college would be sourced from within the country and also from India.

On Tafe College, Samy Vellu said the MIC would study the possibility of turning it into a university in concert with the government's efforts to make Malaysia a centre of excellence for education.

Samy Vellu also said the CWC discussed the problems faced by Malaysian Indian students in local and foreign universities, particularly in Trinidad and Tobago as a result of the economic slowdown.

He said he took up the matter with the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and was assured that the medical students in Trinidad and Tobago would get help.

He also called on Indian parents to become members of Koperasi Didik Berhad which was launched recently to provide study loans.

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