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MIC PUBLISHES BOOK ON DR MAHATHIR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- The MIC has published a special book on the achievements of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad both domestically and internationally since becoming Prime Minister in 1981.

The book titled "Mahathir: Nadi Penggerak Bangsa" (Mahathir: The Nation Builder) was launched by Dr Mahathir himself in the presence of more than 1,300 MIC delegates after opening the party's 52nd general assembly here today.

The 100-page book in Bahasa Malaysia depicts the country's development under the leadership of Dr Mahathir. It reflects the ideas of the man who transformed the face of the nation from an agricultural country to an industrialised one.

"Although many books on Dr Mahathir have been published, this book has singled out the many achievements of the Prime Minister in placing Malaysia on par with the developed nations," MIC president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu said.

He said it gives a glimpse of the major development projects mooted by Dr Mahathir.

The book also has photographs of Dr Mahathir meeting other world leaders and traces some of his overseas official visits from the American continent to Africa and to parts of Asia to build goodwill and understanding.

It also shows how Dr Mahathir has assisted the MIC in uplifting the standard of living of the Indian community through several projects and programmes such as the TAFE College and Tamil schools.

Samy Vellu said the book was dedicated to the man who has brought development to all Malaysians and the country after weathering several storms.

"This leader does not know the meaning of giving up or failure. His leadership is very much needed what more when the nation is facing economic problems," he said.

Samy Vellu said the book was one of the party's ways of showing its appreciation and support for Dr Mahathir for all the hard work he has put in to build a new Malaysia.

The text of the book was by senior Bernama journalist E.Sivabalan and the pictures were supplied by Bernama.

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