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MIED TAKING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST MORE LOAN DEFAULTERS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 25 (Bernama) -- The MIC-sponsored Maju Institute for Educational Development (MIED) is taking legal action against another 2,000 former students who defaulted on their study loans.

It had previously acted against 1,000 defaulters, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

"They will never pay back unless you send them a legal notice. Some of them wait until action is filed in the court and only then they come to talk terms," he told reporters after chairing the party Central Working Committee (CWC) meeting here.

Samy Vellu, who is Works Minister, said the MIED would continue to give out loans totalling RM4 million annually to Indian Malaysian students in institutions of higher learning.

He said the MIC had appealed to the Education Ministry on behalf of 190 Indian Malaysian students who were not successful in their applications to enrol in public universities although they had good qualifications.

If they fail to get places in the universities, they would be advised to join private institutions including that sponsored by the MIC.

"The CWC is of the opinion that the government should allow more private universities as well as build government universities to provide education to Malaysians," he said.

Samy Vellu also called on all MIC members to become members of Koperasi Didik Berhad set up by the party because they could then apply for study loans from the cooperative.

The MIC president thanked Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak for receiving a party delegation to discuss the proposed setting up of the Maju University in Kedah.

He said the MIED explained to Najib the need for the university which would offer courses in science, medicine, engineering and information technology.

"We have already got the go ahead signal from the Menteri Besar of Kedah, Tan Sri Sanusi Junid, to submit our proposal for our application to get 400 acres (160 hectares) of land from the state government," he said.

The university was also seeking the Education Ministry's approval to conduct a three-year twinning graduate programme at the university, he said.

Meanwhile, Samy Velly said the CWC had decided that the party's general assembly would be held on Aug 8. It will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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