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PERMANENT SECRETARIAT PROPOSED FOR SKILLS COMPETITION

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- The success of the Malaysian Skills Competition (MSC) in producing skilled workers has prompted Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu to propose the establishment of a permanent secretariat to run the project.

Samy Vellu said today the project, mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad about 10 years ago to scout for talent and promote interest among the youth in the various skills, had succeeded in producing many skilled workers.

He said it was important to have a permanent secretariat to chart the NSC's future direction to enable the country to face the global challenges and competition.

The proposed secretariat to be run professionally by full-time officers would not only handle the MSC but would also prepare participants for the Asean Skills Competition and the World Skills Competition, he told reporters after opening the 10th MSC at the Sungai Buloh military camp, here.

The competition was now run by a steering committee chaired by his deputy, Datuk Railey Haji Jeffrey, in collaboration with several other ministries, government agencies and the private sector, he said.

He hoped that the government would consider the proposal quickly to meet the competition's objectives and targets.

Samy Vellu said he had directed the ministry's secretary-general, Datuk Dr Hadenan Jalil, to prepare a working paper on the secretariat for submission to the Finance Ministry.

The ministry would be seeking allocations from the Finance Ministry to ensure the smooth running of the secretariat.

He also said that Malaysia was now preparing a team of MSC participants to the 35th World Skills Competition in Montreal, Canada, from Nov 4 to 17.

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