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20,000 former PPP members from four States join MIC

SHAH ALAM, Tues. - The 42nd National Day celebration marked a memorable event for the MIC with 20,000 former People's Progressive Party members joining it at a mass gathering held at Stadium Malawati today.

The 20,000 MIC membership application forms of former PPP members from Selangor, Kedah, Penang and Malacca were handed to MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu by former Selangor PPP chairman Alex Thiagarasan.

Another 20,000 applications forms of former PPP members from the four States, Perak, Johor, Pahang and Negri Sembilan are also expected to be handed to Samy Vellu within three weeks.

"This turn of events clearly shows that the Indians have trust, confidence and faith in MIC and its leadership. They also know the leaders are there to serve the people, look into their problems and solve them effectively," Samy Vellu said.

He said their decision to join a Barisan Nasional component party instead of the Opposition parties indicated their strong support for the Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"To foster unity among the Indians and to have one united Indian community, Indians must join the MIC and give full support to Dr Mahathir. There must only be one voice for the Indian community. If there are too many voices, then nothing can be achieved."

Samy Vellu also said about 2,000 PPP members in Penang met him last Saturday and said they wanted to join MIC.

"I have already handed them the membership application forms. Another 5,000 forms have also been given to 5,000 PPP members in Malacca".

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