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SAMY LAUNCHES BOOKLET ON MIC'S ACHIEVEMENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- The MIC today launched a booklet outlining the party's achievements in the government and its contributions to the Indian community in the past 20 years.

Party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu unveiled the 40-page pocket-sized booklet at the MIC headquarters witnessed by 120 division leaders and party members.

"Many in the Opposition might ask what MIC has done for the Indians. This book will really show what the BN government under the leadership of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had done for Malaysian Indians.

"This is a document to be read by those who doesn't understand what MIC has done for the Indians," the Works Minister told reporters after the launch of the booklet published in three languages -- Bahasa Melayu, Tamil and English.

Samy Vellu said Dr Mahathir had always been sympathetic towards the needs of the Indian community and under his leadership, the party was able to bring about considerable changes in the economic and social status of the Indians.

He also said MIC had taken measures to improve infrastructure facilities and upgrade education standards in Tamil schools in the country.

The party on its own initiative and with the Education Ministry's cooperation had built 47 Tamil schools nationwide since 1986, he said.

Ten schools were in various stages of construction in Selangor, Johor, Negeri Sembilan, Kedah and Federal Territory, he said.

Samy Vellu said the party also carried out a comprehensive study on the estate workers' monthly salary issue and had appealed for an immediate government intervention to determine a fair and just deal for the workers.

Education was another area the MIC had gone far with the setting up of the Seremban and Kuala Lumpur Tafe Colleges and Koperasi Didik, a money-saving scheme to finance tertiary education, for Indian students.

He said the party's education arm -- Maju Institute of Educational Development (MIED) -- was working to set up a world-class information technology college in Ipoh.

It was also actively pursuing its plan to set up a private university in Sungai Petani, he added.

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