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`Indians support Vision schools'

IPOH, Sun. - The Indian community fully supports the Vision School concept and believes it will help contribute to better academic performance in Tamil schools.

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today he had already conveyed this to the Cabinet and hoped the racial issue surrounding the concept would finally be over.

"The Indian community has accepted that the concept would benefit the community in physical and academic development," he said after opening Syarikat Senthamarai, a retail goods shop near here.

Samy Vellu was responding to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech at the Gerakan delegates conference yesterday. Dr Mahathir had said there were still quarters who opposed the Vision School concept.

Under the concept, two vernacular schools and a national school will be built in the same compound. They will share playing fields, canteens and halls for better integration of the different races.

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