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IPF not interested in position but welfare of the Indian community

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Indian Progressive Front's repeated attempts to join Barisan Nasional as a component party is not to attain position but to ensure the continued unity and progress of Indians.

IPF president Datuk M.G. Pandithan said despite having been an independent party for the past 13 years, they have worked hard not only for the Indian community but also for the continued strength of BN.

"We have enough witnesses to this and are confident of achieving a lot more if we become a BN component party," he said while delivering his keynote address at the launching of the ninth IPF assembly at the PWTC today.

He said in the past two general elections and several by-elections, IPF members have willingly forked out their own money and sacrificed their time to campaign and ensure BN's success.

"Our sincerity should not be doubted," he said adding that though IPF may face obstacles in gaining entry to BN, they would continue with the struggle and not be disheartened.

"On many occasions we have got approval from the owner of the house to enter (referring to BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) but we were stopped from entering by the security guard (referring to MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu)," he said.

Pandithan said the IPF understood the problems besetting the Indian community at the grassroots level and felt they could effectively alleviate all this if they were part of the government.

"IPF feels that a detailed study into the grassroots problems of Indians is necessary and we urge the Government to look into this as soon as possible," he added.

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