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13 resolutions adopted unanimously

MIC delegates yesterday adopted 13 resolutions that were tabled by party deputy president Datuk S. Subramaniam at the 55th MIC general assembly.

The resolutions were accepted unanimously by the delegates.

One resolution urged the Government to set up a national unit trust fund similar to the one set up by the Permodalan Nasional Berhad.

It is aimed at ensuring the realisation of the equity target of three per cent within the next decade.

Another resolution called on the Government to set up a monitoring mechanism and management plan to ensure that more Indians are employed in the public and private sectors.

This is to ensure that Indians get a fair and equitable representation in both sectors.

The delegates also called on the Education Ministry to include Pupils Own Language classes during normal school hours.

They urged the ministry to instruct all secondary schools to organise POL classes if there were 15 Indian students without requiring written request from the parents.

The fourth resolution urges the Human Resources Ministry to take firm and drastic measures to implement the Home Ownership scheme for estate and mining workers.

The delegates called on the ministry to ensure that estate managements provide electricity, piped water, roads and other amenities.

They want the ministry to strictly enforce the Minimum Standard of Housing and Amenities Act 1999 which requires managements to provide a minimum of 250 square metre plot for each estate worker for cultivation and husbandry.

The other resolutions passed were:

* welcoming the Third Outline Perspective Plan, the National Vision Policy and The Eighth Malaysia Plan which sets the agenda for transforming Malaysia into a developed nation in line with Vision 2020;

* urging the Human Resources Ministry to expedite the study and implementation of the monthly wage system for rubber plantation workers;

* urging the Government to set up a special implementation and co-ordinating agency to ensure effective and efficient implementation of socio-economic and infrastructure redevelopment programmes, to overcome urban poverty and squatter problems;

* urging the Education Minister to increase the intake into the post SPM degree courses so as to accommodate all high achievers and avoid brain drain and a negative attitude towards the Barisan Nasional;

* urging the Education Ministry to convert all SJK (Tamil) schools which are partially aided to fully-aided schools irrespective of the ownership of the school sites;

* urging the Government and the relevant ministries and agencies to address the problems of business opportunities for Indians in small and medium businesses;

* urging the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Chief Minister and Menteri Besar in Pahang, Kedah, Perlis and Malacca to declare Thaipusam a public holiday; and,

* urging the Government to set up a monitoring mechanism to ensure that anti-poverty programmes benefit Indian youths.

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