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PPP WANTS 8 PARLIAMENTARY AND 18 STATE SEATS IN NEXT ELECTION

IPOH, May 27 (Bernama) -- The People's Progressive Party (PPP), which was not allocated any seat by the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the last general election, will request for eight parliamentary and 18 state seats in the coming election.

"My understanding is that there will be quite a number of (new) seats in the redelineation exercise which will be taking place before the next general election," PPP president Datuk M. Kayveas said here today.

He said the party was very ambitious in asking for eight parliamentary and 18 state seats including in Perak.

However, it will leave it to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is BN chairman, to decide on the request, he said.

"But it's my duty to ask because looking at the party's strength and the work and efforts the PPP members have put in, I think it's fair that I do my part by asking," he told reporters after witnessing a signing ceremony in connection with the donation of 25 hectares of land to build the proposed PPP University in Bandar Seri Iskandar.

The land, valued at RM5 million, was donated by Hua Yang Development which is developing the Bandar Universiti project in Seri Iskandar township. Among those present were Hua Yang managing director Ho Mok Heng and its director Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh.

On the proposed university, Kayveas said the first phase would cost about RM40 million and construction was expected to start in two years and completed another two years later.

"We have already got RM20 million. The second phase will cost about RM20 million," he said.

Kayveas said the main objective of the university would be to train skill workers and entry would be based on working experience and not academic qualification.

"It's a non-profit university...we will keep the education cost at the minimum level possible," he said.

Kayveas, who is also Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister, said PPP would apply to the Education Ministry for university status for the proposed institution.

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