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`Give Deputy Education Minister's post to Indian'

THE MIC Youth yesterday appealed to the Government to give the post of Deputy Education Minister to an Indian.

This, the movement said, would greatly help the community to address the various problems faced by Indian students and Tamil schools.

This was among 10 resolutions passed by the 540 delegates during the Youth assembly.

It also asked for a revamp of the system on the selection of courses for students.

It said some students were offered courses which they did not apply for.

Another resolution encouraged the participation of non-Bumiputeras in the armed forces and supported Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's suggestion for national service among those not interested in joining the armed forces.

Another resolution strongly objected to the statement made by Pas Assemblyman from Pahang, Idris Omar, that Pas would destroy all statues if it ruled the country.

It said such statements could jeopardise racial harmony and called on the Government to pressure Idris to make a public apology.

Another resolution called on the corporate sector to have programmes to increase the number of Indian youths in administration. Indian youths now held only 0.7 per cent of such positions in the corporate sector, down from 0.9 per cent in 1995.

Other resolutions were on youth development programmes, racial unity, discrimination in sports and the need for an Indian information officer in the Information Department.

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