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Samy Vellu canvasses for donations

SHAH ALAM, Sun. - The MIC is hoping to raise between RM150 million and RM170 from the Indian community for the construction of the Asian Institute of Medicine, Science and Technology, its president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said here today.

Each of the 560,000 members would have to pay RM100.

"We hope to raise about RM50 million. We will also be approaching all Indian businessmen in town. There are some 10,000 Indian businessmen and another 8,000-odd restaurant operators in the country. We have not taken into account goldsmiths, scrap metal dealers and others.

"We will also be sending out letters to all the Indian professionals to contribute at least RM1,000. There are some 5,600 professionals of Indian origin. We are expecting to collect about RM5 million from them."

"I have also asked the Federal Government for some assistance. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is looking into the matter," he said.

Construction of the Institute will cost RM465 million.

Samy Vellu was speaking to reporters after addressing the delegates to the one-day Special Convention for all MIC division office bearers here.

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