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Work within BN family, MIC, MCA advised

IPOH, Mon. - The DAP today called on the MCA and MIC to work within the Barisan Nasional framework to provide higher education opportunities to all Malaysians instead of opting to set up private universities.

DAP deputy secretary-general M. Kulasegaran said the party accepted the BN as the people-elected Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and would support good education policies.

"However, we are against BN component parties making applications to the Government to set up institutions of higher learning for the benefit of all races," he said.

He said the MCA and MIC which were senior partners of the Government should instead provide input to set up more institutions of higher learning from public funds.

Kulasegaran said this in response to a statement by MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu who wanted the 580,000 party members to donate RM100 over the next 10 months to realise the construction of the RM465 million Asian Institute of Medical, Science and Engineering College in Kedah.

Kulasegaran said, similarly, the MCA leadership was also soliciting fund from the public and business community to set up a varsity.

"We are against the two parties going around collecting money. The DAP supports Malaysians who donate to alleviate the sufferings of the Afghan people following the US-led military strikes.

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