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MALAYSIAN INDIANS MUST ACCEPT CHANGE

SHAH ALAM, May 19 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Indians must accept change and reorganise themselves for transformation, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

He said they must create self-employed and independent knowledge workers to meet the demands of the modern economy while taking advantage of developments in creating a generation of smart people.

"To succeed in K-economy we have to create and enhance the social capital within the community. We must reach a point where we can become a creative and innovative society. We must reinvest in new institutions of social solidarity and progress," he said.

He said this in his speech at the MIC annual general assembly, which was officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Selangor state secretariat building, here.

He said that through the establishment of the Asian Institute of Medicine, Science and Technology, the MIC would continue to make a lasting contribution in the creation of knowledge workers in Malaysia.

He also thanked Dr Mahathir and the government for the RM50 million allocation for the party's university project.

"We also acknowledge with deep gratitude the sacrifice made by thousands of our party members in contributing to the university building fund," he added.

Samy Vellu also paid tribute to the prime minister who he said had just returned from an historic meeting in Washington D.C. with US President George W. Bush and senior members of his administration.

"He did not go alone to Washington but had the full backing of more than 100 countries," he said.

Dr Mahathir, as chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, carried with him a clear message for world peace and the rights of the Palestinians and others who had been oppressed for several decades, Samy Vellu said.

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