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MIC AGM KICKS OFF WITH REMINDER FROM SAMY VELLU

SHAH ALAM, May 18 (Bernama) -- The 56th MIC Annual General Assembly began at the Selangor State Secretariat building here today with party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu reminding delegates of the do's and don'ts of this year's assembly.

Just after the formalities were completed at this morning's session with the singing of the national and Barisan Nasional (BN) anthems and the MIC theme song, Samy Vellu took to the podium to remind the 1,500 delegates of the basic rules to be adhered to.

"I see that some of you are not using the dhotis which we ask to be used for the next two days...the headquarters has sent the advisory on this matter much earlier but yet some of you are not using it," he said.

He wanted the delegates to make sure they wear the traditional Indian costume for the official opening tomorrow by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Samy Vellu also asked the delegates not to rush for food during lunch and tea breaks and to keep the Dewan Jubilee, where the AGM is being held, clean.

"Cleanliness is important...don't just use the tissue paper and throw it everywhere. This morning I went to two toilets and personally collected tissue papers thrown everywhere...this has to stop," he said.

He also told delegates wishing to participate in today's debate to wait for the cue from Speaker Tan Sri G. Vadiveloo.

"Make sure everything is done in an orderly fashion...when your time is up please stop your debate....don't wait for the microphone to be switched off," he said.

He expressed disappointment that delegates who are staying at nearby hotels turned up late for today's proceedings.

"You have to be here by 9am but it's way past 9 and people are still walking in. Make sure everyone is here by 8am before the Prime Minister arrives tomorrow," he said.

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