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MIC MORE DYNAMIC UNDER SAMY VELLU, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

SHAH ALAM, May 19 (Bernama) -- The MIC under the leadership of Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and the other leaders has performed outstandingly in steering the Malaysian Indians towards progress and prosperity, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said that despite being a minority, the Indians in the country now had focus in championing their lot.

"Because of that, I'm proud of the MIC's achievement because it has succeeded in implementing various programmes to develop the Indian community in Malaysia like raising their socio-economic status," he said.

He said this when opening the MIC general assembly at Bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, here.

He said the MIC owed its success to the attitude of every member who wanted to see the Indian community not being left behind by the tide of development in the country.

Dr Mahathir said the socio-economic status of Malaysian Indians was improving and their children now had ample educational opportunities with many entering institutions of higher learning and obtaining excellent results.

He said the Barisan Nasional (BN), with the support and cooperation of the MIC, paid serious attention of the affairs and the lot of the Indians in Malaysia.

He said it was not easy for the MIC to alter the attitude and thinking of the Indian community to accept change and development and the process took time.

"Those that we see are still backward are those who want to continue to live like their forefathers, that is, work and live in estates far from view of the other races and from the town centre, he said.

Despite that, they were not forgotten by the government which had made various efforts to raise their socio-economic status.

"The government will also continue to ensure that they are not oppressed by their employers," he added.

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