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MIC TO RAISE VARSITY INTAKE ISSUE WITH PM

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 (Bernama) -- MIC is leaving it to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to resolve the problem faced by Indian students following the introduction of merit-based admissions to public universities.

"I do not know whether the PM can help or not. We will raise this issue in the Cabinet and bring it to the PM's attention when he returns from the United States," MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

He was speaking to reporters after attending the UPSR President's Medal Award ceremony and launch of the Selangor MIC Youth webpage in Bangi, near here.

Samy Vellu, who is Works Minister, said the quota system should be used for university intakes because Indian students could not compete with Malay and Chinese students in several aspects.

He said the introduction of meritocracy for this year's intakes had caused the number of Indian students entering universities to drop to about four percent from between seven and eight percent previously.

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