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PPP READY TO WORK SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH MIC- KAYVEAS

KUALA LUMPUR, April 10 (Bernama) -- The Peoples Progressive Party (PPP) of Malaysia today reiterated its willingness to cooperate with the MIC in handling social problems which are increasingly threatening the Malaysian Indian community.

PPP President Datuk M.Kayveas said Indian youths were involved in gangsterism, secret societies, murders and in fights using dangerous weapons.

Even though the social menace affected all races, it was more serious and alarming in the Indian community, he said at 49th PPP anniversary celebrations at the party headquarters here.

"The PPP is always ready to cooperate with the MIC in whatever programme to overcome this problem. The party is also ready to offer proposals and expertise and is willing to participate in activities organised by the MIC. If the MIC invites us, we are ready to work shoulder to shoulder with them," he said.

"Nearly every day various cases of gangsterism, fights and murders involving the Indian community's young people are reported in the press," he said.

Kayveas said the task of handling the social problems of the Indians could not be laid on the MIC's shoulders alone as this was a heavy duty and the MIC needed the help and support from those outside it.

"We must realise that all parties and associations are there to safeguard the interests and ensure the welfare of the people. Even though their direction and principles may differ but their motive is the same that is to serve the people and safeguard their interests," he said.

He said the MIC should not hesitate to seek the help and cooperation from the PPP and other BN component parties as all belonged to the same family.

Kayveas, who is also Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister, said all programmes of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had been successful because he always sought the views of others.

He said in the Indian community there were many experts and professionals outside of the political arena but could help overcome the social problems of the community and the MIC in its wisdom should tap this resource.

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