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UNDERSTANDING ONE ANOTHER SECRET TO MIC'S STABILITY

KUALA LUMPUR, May 19 (Bernama) -- The secret to MIC's stability and maturity is better understanding among its top brass and "treating each other as brothers", party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

"I think the situation in the party is calm and this is because of better understanding among the party leaders...we treat each other like brothers...we don't keep things in our hearts," he told reporters after the MIC General Assembly, here.

He said this close working relationship among the top leadership had resulted in the party achieving a lot of things, including upgrading of the community's status from a downtrodden community to a middle-class society.

On another note, Samy Vellu said the party was also grateful to all its branch, division and state leaders for consulting with the party leaders in all their decisions.

"We want all party leaders, no matter what rank they are from, to be united...all the 580,000 members must remain united to achieve results," he added.

On the issue of the merit system introduced this year for the intake of students into public universities, he said he told the delegates that the matter was being studied by the relevant government authorities and that the Indian community should not get too emotional about it.

"This is not a permanent problem, the prime minister has said that the government would study the matter...I will raise the matter again at this week's Cabinet meeting on Wednesday," he added.

This morning, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, after opening the assembly, told reporters that the government would study the merit system as there was a decline in the number of Indian students entering public universities.

On the MIC's Asian Institute of Medicine, Science and Technology, Samy Vellu said some branch chairmen had yet to contribute to the institute, which would be located in Kedah.

On the small number of Indians employed in the civil service, he said the party had brought up the matter to the government and it was now being looked into by the Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Samsudin Osman.

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