

# Samy labels group as 'destructors'

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TAIPING: MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu has described those trying to undermine the party's fund-raising campaign to build the Asian Institute of Medicine, Science and Technology as "destructors."

He said a certain group had gone to court last month, claiming that the company formed to over-see the establishment of the institute was not empowered to collect funds for the institute.

"It is not an injunction but they say we don't have the power to conduct the fund-raising.

"They are destructors. They have gone to court.

"We may also meet them in court.

"Their action will not hinder us and we won't be frightened by them," he told reporters during the institute's fund-raising campaign where RM74,700 was collected from the Taiping, Larut, Bagan Serai and Bukit Gantang MIC divisions yesterday.

Also present at the function was MP for Taiping Datuk Seri Kerk Choo Ting who donated RM35,000 to the institute which was being built in Semeling near Sungai Petani,

Kedah.

Samy Vellu, who is also Works Minister, said RM175mil had been collected so far for the institute, including RM50mil received from a special allocation made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We have already spent about RM80mil to build AIMST," he said.

In his speech, Samy Vellu said he was compiling the names of MIC branches which had failed to contribute any money to the fund-raising drive.