

# MIC pledges to support Abdullah

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SHAH ALAM: The MIC passed a resolution yesterday expressing solid support for Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as the prime minister and Barisan Nasional chairman.

The party said it is confident Abdullah's leadership will propel the nation to greater heights - economically, socially and in the international arena.

In the resolution tabled by deputy president Datuk S. Subramaniam at the MIC's National Election Machinery Convention, the delegates also vowed to work with Abdullah to preserve racial unity.

They gave their firm commitment to support BN to a resounding victory in the upcoming general election.

Branch, division and state MIC leaders at the one-day convention also expressed their deepest appreciation to former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his contributions to the country and people.

Meanwhile, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said the party would set up election committees at branch, division and state levels soon to mobilise the polls machinery in preparation for the general election.

He said the party wants to be in a state of preparedness for the election, particularly to convince the younger generation to vote for BN.

"We realise there are many new and young voters. They must be made to realise that the BN has protected the interests of the Indian community and other races," Samy Vellu, who is also the works minister, told reporters after Abdullah opened the convention.

He said branch, division and state leaders would be given information

on the formation of the committees.

About 4,300 branch chairmen attended the convention.

A similar convention would be

held in every state soon to give information to branch, division and state leaders on general election strategies, Samy Vellu said.