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Samy Vellu-MIC

DON'T FORSAKE GRASSROOTS MEMBERS' ASPIRATIONS, MIC LEADERS TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, May 1 (Bernama) -- MIC President Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu today asked party leaders not to forsake grassroots members' expectations as they placed their trust and confidence in them.

"They expect the leaders whom they elect to hold positions in political parties to fulfil their needs. As leaders elected to lead the community, they are looked up upon and accorded high respect by the community," he said when speaking at the Federal Territory MIC Convention at the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

The one-day convention was opened by Acting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Samy Vellu, who is also Federal Territory MIC Chief, also pledged MIC's continued support and cooperation to Abdullah's leadership to ensure the country's development proceeded smoothly.

"This year is a historic year for Malaysia and the people because Datuk Seri Abdullah will take over the country's leadership from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said.

Touching on social problems, Samy Vellu said MIC felt there was still much more to be done, especially by government agencies, to tackle social ills among youths.

He said the Rakan Muda programme under the Youth and Sports Ministry was among activities the youths should be encouraged to participate in efforts to overcome the problem.

On the draft of the 2020 Kuala Lumpur Structural Plan, Samy Vellu, who is also Works Minister, hoped the Kuala Lumpur City Hall would give special attention in transforming Kuala Lumpur into a city whose characteristics reflected the cultures of every race in the country.

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