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MIC TO LAUNCH AGGRESSIVE POLLS CAMPAIGN, SAYS SAMY VELLU

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26 (Bernama) - The MIC will hold a national-level convention involving all the 4,300 branch leaders as well as division and state chiefs on Nov 9 to launch an aggressive campaign in preparation for the upcoming general election, party president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

He said the one-day convention, to be held in Shah Alam, was aimed at mobilising the party's strength in facing the general election and to map out election strategies.

"It will be the largest gathering ever of party leaders," he said.

He said the gathering would also discuss matters that were regarded "highly-important" to the Barisan Nasional (BN) to face the general election.

"MIC members and leaders will be briefed on how to meet the challenges of the next general election," he said.

The Works Minister said the party hoped to strategise ways and means to garner more support for the BN from the Indian community. The MIC had already embarked on a aggressive campaign to register more voters among Indians through the help of the Election Commission (EC).

Samy Vellu said more and more Indians were joining the MIC and todate, the MIC had registered more than 600,000 Indians as members, with almost majority of them registered voters.

"We will ensure that every single MIC member becomes a registered voter before the next general election," he said.

He said each of the MIC branch leaders would be "equipped with the right skills" to make them better campaigners for the BN in the coming general election.

"The general election is our top priority now and the party will go on full gear," he said.

Samy Vellu said the convention would also record its full and undivided support to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who will assume the post of Prime Minister on Friday.

"We will reiterate our full cooperation to the new Prime Minister and pledge to ensure a total victory for the BN in the next general election," he said.

Samy Vellu said the Nov 9 gathering would also record its deepest appreciation to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad whom he described as a "Great Warrior" for the prosperity to the nation and the people brought by the Prime Minister.

He said a variety of election campaigns would be launched to ensure a thumping victory for the Barisan Nasional as this would be the first general election with Abdullah leading the coalition force.

"We want to ensure that a very handsome majority is obtained to make the coming general election a historic one," he said, adding that the MIC was confident of total support from the Indian community.

Samy Vellu said the MIC would set up committees at state and division levels involving the branch chairmen, wanita and youth members "to strategise the winning of all BN candidates with full backing of the MIC."

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