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MIC TO WORK CLOSELY WITH TAMIL SCHOOL COORDINATORS

KUALA LUMPUR, April 1 (Bernama) -- The MIC will work closely with Tamil school coordinators nationwide in an effort to increase the number of excellent students in this year's Ujian Penilaian Sekolah Rendah (UPSR) examination in these schools.

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said the party had so far identified more than 700 students, who would be taking the examination this year, to be given special attention and guidance, including additional tuition classes, for them to produce above average results.

"At the state level, we will also conduct intensive workshops and seminars to assist the students to perform excellently in the exams," he told reporters after meeting the Tamil Schools Action Committee at the party headquarters yesterday.

He said the party would also have brainstorming sessions with over 100 Tamil school teachers and headmasters to come out with examination questions for the students to work on prior to the UPSR this year.

Of the total 13,690 students from Tamil schools who sat for the 2002 UPSR exams, 202 excelled by scoring 7As, an improvement compared with 2001 when only 165 students from Tamil schools obtained straight 7As.

Samy Vellu urged Tamil school headmasters, teachers and parents to work together and give more emphasis to education to ensure that at least 3 per cent of the 13,900 Tamil school students who would be sitting for the exams this year obtained excellent results.

On allocations to rebuild dilapidated Tamil schools in the country, Samy Vellu said the party had submitted a working paper to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad seeking an annual allocation of RM20 million to construct and refurbish Tamill schools for the next 10 years.

"For this year we have already identified about 18 schools which are in urgent need of repairs," he added.

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