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ONLY BN CAN ENSURE INTERESTS OF INDIANS, SAYS SAMY VELLU

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) is the only party that can look after the interests of Indians as it practises consultation in solving problems, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

"They (Indians) realise that only the BN government can struggle for them to ensure justice and allow them to share in the country's progress and prosperity," he said at the 50th anniversary celebration of BN at Stadium Merdeka here.

For a multi-racial country, Malaysia could certainly take pride in the unity existing among its people, he said.

This success was mainly due to the moderation shown by the BN leaders and members, he said.

"In practising moderation, it is important to give and take and to be mindful of the sensitivities and feelings of every race," he said.

"The coalition government's concept of settling any problem or issue among component parties through consultation has brought benefits to the people of various races in this country. Therefore, any division, including among the Indians, will be detrimental to the country," he said.

Tracing the history of MIC, Samy Vellu said since its formation in August 1946, the party had helped to preserve the country's independence and sovereignty.

MIC had discharged its responsibilities in accordance with the Federal Constitution and principles of Rukun Negara, said Samy Vellu, who has been leading MIC for 24 years.

Apart from strengthening the political, economic, education, cultural and social positions of Indians, MIC had also helped to boost racial unity, he said.

"MIC is making further strides in representing the Indians and bringing them to ride the waves of development and paradigm shift in this globalisation era," said Samy Vellu, who is also Works Minister.

By practising the principle of justice for all races, Malaysia had not only united the people but had also created political stability under the BN leadership, he said.

He also dedicated the success of BN and Malaysia to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also the BN chairman.

He said Malaysians were lucky to have a leader like Dr Mahathir, whom he described as a caring, moderate, visionary and proactive leader with the spirit of steel.

"These qualities are also found in Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who will continue the excellence of Dr Mahathir in leading the country and BN," he said.

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