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Only the BN is capable of delivering, says Samy Vellu

Zubaidah Abu Bakar; Chow Kum Hor; Sajahan Waheed; Aniza Damis; Ahmad KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The Indian community knows very well that only the Barisan Nasional can look after its interests and ensure that it is given its share of the country's fruits of development and growth, said MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu.

Samy Vellu said that the power-sharing formula practised by BN had ensured that all races were given equal treatment, regardless of whether they represented a small or big community in the country.

"The success enjoyed by Malaysia is due to the practice of consultation adopted by BN to solve the problems faced by the various communities.

"Only BN can struggle for the people and ensure justice for all the races," Samy Vellu, who is also Works Minister, said at the BN's 50th anniversary celebrations.

Samy Vellu said that Malaysia as a multi-ethnic country could take pride in the unity that prevailed.

In this regard, he said the Indians should remain united as any split in the community would only weaken their position in the BN.

"MIC has played an important role in preserving our country's independence since the party was formed in August 1946. We have not only strengthened the position of Indians but also assisted in enhancing racial unity in Malaysia."

Samy Vellu also paid tribute to BN chairman and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad whom he described as a caring, moderate, visionary and proactive leader.

"We are lucky to have a leader like Dr Mahathir who has brought great development to the country. We believe that Dr Mahathir's successor (Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi) will continue the BN's excellence."

Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud attributed the developments in Sabah and Sarawak to the power-sharing formula first practised by BN parties in Peninsular Malaysia.

Before joining Malaysia in 1963, Taib, who is also Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu president, said people in the two States saw the successful power-sharing formula practised in Malaya.

"This formula is being practised in the state governments of Sabah and Sarawak and has brought tremendous development to the two States. Under this formula, no ethnic group is sidelined," said Taib in his speech.

He was speaking on behalf of all Sabah and Sarawak-based BN component parties.

Taib also thanked BN chairman and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.