

Samy: MIC grooming 3G leaders

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SHAH ALAM: MIC is grooming its third generation of leaders to take over but still needs the seniors for guidance and advice to help the Indian community.

"The younger leaders still need the services of the seniors. How else can they carry out their political activities?" said MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu at the joint opening of the MIC Wanita, Youth and Puteri general assemblies here yesterday.

"At the moment we have several youngsters but only the president is an old man who cannot walk," he quipped.

He said the party would groom a new generation of young leaders dubbed "Gen 3" or the Third Generation, who would be trained on MIC's objectives, mission and vision.

Samy Vellu, who is the Works Minister, urged MIC Wanita and Youth leaders to go to the ground for the next three months and prepare reports on pressing problems and needs.

"I need 100,000 MIC youths to help in the Barisan Nasional campaign for the next general election," he said.

Samy Vellu also urged MIC Wanita to compile data on single mothers and the problems they faced with a view to helping them.

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"There are more than 10,000 single mothers in the country compared to between 2,000 to 3,000 previously," he said.

One of the issues raised later at the MIC Wanita assembly concerned the difficulty poor Indian families faced when trying to get welfare aid.

Tanjung Karang division leader M. Rajathy said welfare officers rejected applications for aid just because a family owned a television set.