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PM OPENS GERAKAN NATIONAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 5 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened the Gerakan national delegates' conference, which is being held for the first time at its new building, Menara PGRM, here, today.

The prime minister and Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman was received on arrival by Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik and members of the party's Central Committee.

Present were Umno secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat and the heads of the other BN component parties including MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and MIC president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu.

A total of 1,265 delegates will vote in the new central committee for 1996/99 at the conference.

The Youth and Wanita wings held their conferences yesterday. -- BERNAMA  
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