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Muhyiddin-Academy

PROPOSED UMNO ACADEMY NOT FOR TRAINING CADRES

BANGI, July 16 (Bernama) -- The proposed Umno leadership academy is not meant to train cadres but rather to help instil a positive political culture into party members, Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

The academy's training programmes would focus on the inculcation of a strong political culture and spirit among leaders at all levels, he said.

"It is not for producing cadres because Umno is not a party which practises the cadre system," Muhyiddin, who is Youth and Sports Minister, told reporters opening a seminar on political leadership in Malaysia at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) here.

A working paper on the setting up of the academy had been submitted to party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said Muhyiddin who was entrusted with drawing up the training module for academy.

He said Dr Mahathir would chair the academy's management board.

He said the training programmes would be tailored to suit the needs and educational backgrounds of members.

He is waiting for the green light from the party president to conduct further studies on other aspects of the academy, including its cost and location.

In his speech, Muhyiddin said there was a need to mould moderate leaders to maintain the country's political stability.

Among the challenges facing leaders was the task of striking a balance among the various races through a fair distribution of the economic cake, he said.

The two-day seminar was organised by UKM's Department of Political Science and Institute for Policy Research in conjunction with the department's 20th anniversary. -- BERNAMA

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