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SELANGOR MB AGREES WITH PM'S CALL TO AVOID FORMING TEAMS

KANGAR, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib, who will defend his Umno vice-president's post in the party elections later this year, believes party members have become increasingly mature in electing leaders.

The integrity and capability of candidates must certainly be the main yardstick instead of which "teams" they were aligned to, he said.

He agreed with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's view that those bidding for party posts should be judged on their own merits more than anything else.

"The view of the Umno president is good and can serve as a guide," he told reporters after giving a talk at a civics course themed "Half a Century of the Nation's Struggle" organised by the Perlis Community Development Department (KEMAS) in Arau, near here.

"I think there are many leaders of integrity. It will eventually be up to the delegates to make the assessment," Muhammad said.

In his speech, Muhammad said Malaysia's success in uniting its multi-racial people should be a model for other countries.

He said the harmony that existed among the people enabled the government to better plan and implement development programmes.

About 400 people attended the one-day course on the struggles of the nation's leaders over the last 50 years. -- BERNAMA