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UMNO IS THE CUSTODIAN OF MALAY POLITICAL POWER, SAYS ABDULLAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- Newly-elected Umno vice-president Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today the party is the custodian of Malay political power and urged members to strengthen the party's credibility.

Describing the Umno Supreme Council as the board of trustees of Malay political power, Abdullah said it is political power that has enabled the Malays to progress and grow in stature.

"Without Umno, or if Umno is weak, maybe we will no longer have political power," he said during the winding-up of the debate by Umno leaders at the party's general assembly today.

Recalling party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice to members in his presidential address to love the party, race and country, Abdullah said this cannot be achieved unless Umno members strive to make the party truly capable and credible.

The party must also continue to have the support of the people to ensure the success of Umno's struggle in developing the country and upholding the dignity of the Malay race.

Abdullah also said it is the responsibility of members to continue supporting all efforts made by the leadership for the success of the Malay struggle. -- BERNAMA

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