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UMNO PRE-CONVENTION MEETING ON APRIL 20

KUALA LUMPUR, April 5 (Bernama) -- Umno will hold a special "brain storming" session on April 20 to formulate four working papers related to the party's future role in politics, economy, education and socio-culture.

The working papers -- to be prepared after a study and reassessment of the party's performance and its commitments for the 21st century -- are to be submitted to the party convention held in conjunction with Umno 50th anniversary celebration here on May 11.

More than 400 participants, among them Umno divisional leaders, Malay corporate figures, economists, intellectual and academicians, culturalists, youth activists and others, will participate in the pre-convention brain storming, party vice president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said at a news conference here today.

The pre-convention session was also to invoke thinking and awareness of leaders on the importance of their contributions to the party struggles in enhancing the Malay dignity, Najib said.

Najib, the Umno Convention Committee chairman, said although 400 delegates would take part in the pre-convention meeting, more could be expected in the last minute.

On the May 11 convention, he said it would develop the feeling of genuine commitment for the Umno struggle for the present and the future, placing its importance beyond the self interest, to provoke awareness and understanding to the process of change, and to enhance the Malay resilience and their political thinking.

He hoped the convention would be a meaningful event in reminiscing past struggles in charting Umno's future path towards the 21st century.

"We will encourage individuals, non-governmental organisations and specific bodies to give their views, by having forums over the television as well as writing in the media, to attract constructive thinking on the party's future role," he added.

Najib said the convention would be attended by over 2,700 participants, including those from the party Supreme Council, the Youth and Wanita executive committees, party divisions, and the various Umno Clubs overseas.

More than 3,500 invited guests, including representatives of foreign countries would attend the opening ceremony.

Najib said the working paper on politics to be discussed would be based on the speech of Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

A post-convention meeting would be held later, whereby the various state Umno liaison committees would have follow-up discussions on the issues covered during the convention.

All decisions and findings of the convention would be submitted in the form of a proposal paper for the Supreme Council's final decision, he added. -- Bernama

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