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UMNO TO PUBLISH BOOKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 13 (Bernama) -- The Umno headquarters is publishing several books on the party's history and development in conjunction with its recent 50th anniversary, its secretary-general, Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, said today.

He said the books could serve as reference to the public, especially the young generation, and foreigners keen to know about Umno, which turned 50 on May 11.

"At present there is no book that can be said to be authoritative on the party's history although Umno's history is that of the race and country," he told reporters after viewing paintings to be published in the books, here.

Mohamed, who is Information Minister, said the Umno supreme council had requested former Archives director-general Datuk Zakiah Hanum to write the official book on Umno while veteran journalist Tan Sri A.Samad Ismail would be asked to write a book on the history of Umno from its beginning till now.

The third book, a pictorial, would include paintings on the party's struggles by artist Ismail Embong.

To make it easier for readers to appreciate the photographs and paintings, Mohamed said, there would also be written descriptions on them.

A book containing the speeches of Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, would also be published in English to meet the demand of the international community.

"Umno is now becoming increasingly known throughout the world and many foreigners want to know about Umno but we do not have adequate reading materials in the English language," he said.

He hoped all the books could be launched in September. -- BERNAMA  
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