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UMNO WILL HOLD CONVENTION AS PART OF ITS GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 5 (Bernama) -- Umno will hold a convention on "Umno in the 21st Century" on May 11, the day the party was established 50 years ago, its president, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Although only Umno would participate in the convention, which would focus on the party's future, Barisan Nasional component and non-component parties would be invited to the opening which would be performed by him, he said.

Guests from other countries which have relations with Umno would also be invited to the opening of the convention which is part of Umno's golden jubilee celebrations, he told a new conference after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting, here.

"We will invite all political parties, be they friend or foe, to the opening of the Umno convention," he said.

Other events lined up for the celebrations, to be spread out until August, included a tahlil, a run carrying the party flag at Merdeka Square on the night of May 10, an exposition and the presentation of awards to party veterans.

Dr Mahathir asked Umno members to fly the party flag from May 1 to commemorate the occasion.

Asked about the election campaigns for supreme council seats which were said to have started, he said in jest that if they had started, it was alright but they should not go too fast. -- Bernama

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