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DISCARD "ALADDIN LAMP" CULTURE IN UMNO

KOTA KINABALU, Aug 19 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno Liaison chief Datuk Osu Sukam today took to task party members who expected immediate rewards for their contributions.

Such an attitude which he likened to the "Aladdin lamp" culture had long crept into the state and must be discarded as it was unhealthy to Umno, he said.

Instead, they should give priority and strive to uplift the people's standard of living and the state's development, he said when winding up the debate at the Sabah Umno convention which ended today.

The three-day convention attended by more than 1,300 delegates was opened by Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Sunday.

Osu, who is Land and Cooperative Development Minister, urged the people to be patient in their quest to enjoy development as it could not be carried out overnight.

On grouses and dissatisfaction raised by delegates during the debate, he said he himself was not satisfied with Sabah Umno's performance in the state and pledged to work harder to improve the party's image.

The delegates, among others, called for concerted efforts to create middle-class bumiputera businessmen in Sabah and to rectify weaknesses in the participation of bumiputeras in mega projects in the state.

"I agree with them that Sabah Umno should double its efforts to create more middle class bumiputera entrepreneurs in the state," he said.

In this regard, the Sabah Umno had proposed various measures to the state government including reviewing the functions of government agencies, he said.

Speaking to reporters later, Osu said the review was to determine to what extent the agencies had played a positive role in bumiputera participation and if possible, new approaches should be adopted to enhance their involvement in business. -- BERNAMA

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