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1,905 delegates for assembly

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - A total 1,905 delegates will attend this year's Umno general assembly from Sept 4 and 7.

The Wanita and Youth assemblies will be held on Sept 4 and opened by party deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik said the general assembly proper would begin the next day, with the opening address by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said 1,800 divisional delegates would attend the assembly, held annually with the party's elections held once in three years. The last party election was held last year.

He said this year's assembly would see the delegates debating the president's speech, religion and the economy.

Sabbaruddin said a special assembly would also be held on Sept 5 between 3pm and 4pm for a proposal to be brought to drop the term "Baru" (new) from the name "Pertubuhan Kebangsaan Melayu Bersatu (Baru)" or Umno.

The general assembly will be preceded on Sept 3 by a pre-council meeting. Sabbaruddin also said Umno had made it easier for reporters covering the event to carry out their jobs by introducing a single pass which had unlimited access.

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