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Abu Hassan: Help ensure streamlined administration

SHAH ALAM, Sun. - The Selangor Government today called on State Umno leaders and members to give full support for the successful streamlining of its administration.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said the full co-operation of Umno leaders and members was needed mainly in the development of the Multimedia Super Corridor, Cyberjaya and mega projects being implemented by the Federal Government in Selangor.

"There is a need for an aggressive information campaign to let people know of these projects and how Malays can get themselves involved."

He said Malays should look into investing in these businesses as a consortium as the scope was wide, lucrative and profitable.

As for development in districts within and outside Klang Valley, Abu Hassan said there must be balanced housing and industrial development so that no area was left out in achieving the objectives of Vision 2005.

"The development should benefit the Malay society so that their living standard will be uplifted and they too can be on par with other races."

Abu Hassan said due emphasis should be given to enhancing religious teachings and knowledge among the Muslims so that they would be strong spiritually and morally.

"The electronic media and various modern information technologies must be utilised to impart Islamic teachings and messages especially to youths," he said at the opening of the Ninth Selangor Umno Convention themed "Selangor - Towards a More Excellent and Balanced Development" at Radisson Hotel.

Abu Hassan, who is also State Umno chairman, said there was a need for a skilled workforce and better usage of modern and high technology.

He added that Malay youths must take up challenges and involve themselves in professional fields and skilled jobs. "Jobs are aplenty and Malays should grab the opportunity and excel in their respective fields."

Abu Hassan said preserving the environment was also important.

"It is important to identify all the environment-related problems so that short and long-term measures can be taken to overcome them."

"Umno leaders and members can create awareness among the people on the importance of saving the environment by holding talks and campaigns."

He said more intensive campaigns were needed to combat social problems.

He called on Selangor Umno to work together with other relevant government departments, agencies and organisations to overcome such problems especially among youths.

Abu Hassan also called on more Malay participation in the State's economic activities.

"My next priority is to ensure there is sufficient low and medium cost houses in the State so that everyone, including the Malays, will possess a house of his own."

He added the State Government was also focusing on developing small and medium scale industries in each new town and district.

Abu Hassan said the agricultural sector would be modernised in line with "agri-business" to help boost the productivity and income of farmers.

Later, Abu Hassan said the Selangor Government would study the 111 resolutions passed unanimously during the convention today and will implement those found to be in line with its policies, programmes and vision.

He said even though the resolutions were accepted, the Selangor Government and State Umno would only implement those which were found to be practical.

He also proposed that the Umno committee involved in the formation of the resolutions be retained to facilitate the development and implementation of the resolutions in the Government and State Umno.

"This is the first time Selangor Umno has come up with a record-breaking 111 resolutions which were debated by participants at the convention. The participants included not only delegates from the 17 Umno divisions but also representatives from non-governmental organisations and Chamber of Commerce and Industry," he said after receiving the resolutions from convention chairman Datuk Mohd Shariff Jajang at the closing ceremony.

Among the resolutions were the formation of an investment fund, Tabung Dana Teknologi Tinggi MSC Umno Selangor, and the setting up of Sekretariat Umno MSC to help boost Malay participation in MSC projects.

Others included the creation of an awareness among parents of the importance of children pursuing courses in science, mathematics and computers in line with Malaysia moving into information technology age.

Selangor Umno also urged the Umno Supreme Council and Selangor State Umno and divisional polls be postponed until after the general election.

Abu Hassan told State Umno leaders, delegates and members that he would forward their resolutions and appeals to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the forthcoming supreme council meeting.

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