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Practise consensus, members told

TAIPING, Sun. - Umno members, irrespective of their ages, were today urged to practise the concept of co-operation and decision-making through consensus to preserve party unity and harmony.

Its vice-president Datuk Abdulah Ahmad Badawi said young and old Umno members must co-operate and work closely to ensure the continued success of the party.

"In the history of Umno, there has never been any move to sideline the young and eliminate the old as both generations have important roles to play.

"The young, possibly with their education and modern knowledge, must work together with the older members who have vast experience and can guide new members.

"The party also accepts whoever, at whatever level, willing to serve the party for the good of the Malays, Umno and the Barisan Nasional Government.

"If we maintain this spirit of co-operation and consensus, Umno will continue to be a major united force to help strengthen the BN and the Government," he told reporters after opening the Cenderoh Umno divisional delegates' meeting in Padang Rengas.

Abdullah said Umno had given the Malays their unique identity and dignity.

He said the BN Government, with Umno as its backbone, had also made Malaysia a stable nation which was the envy of many countries around the world.

"Umno's success is a historical fact which cannot be denied."

"The spirit of Umno's struggles continues and today those who left the party have also returned to its fold and are united in fighting for Umno's success," he added.

Abdullah said as a developing nation, Malaysia could not act against global challenges alone.

He said this was the reason why Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was playing a big role in promoting brotherhood with developing nations around the world and practising the concept of co-operation and working in consensus with regional groupings.

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