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Umno Youth to hold forum

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Umno Youth will hold a forum on Historical Insights of Umno in conjunction with the party's 51st anniversary celebration on May 11.

Its chief, Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, said the forum will also be attended by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who will do the winding-up of the discussions.

Utusan Malaysia editor-in-chief Johan Jaaffar will chair the forum which will comprise three panelists - veteran journalist Tan Sri A. Samad Ismail, former Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Mustapha Jabar and Universiti Malaya's Prof Madya Mahathir Mohd Khir.

Speaking to reporters after chairing a meeting of Umno Youth exco today, Ahmad Zahid said the forum is expected to be attended by some 1,000 Umno members, including Umno Youth division heads, Umno division heads and Wanita Umno division heads. The forum will among others touch on the direction of Umno for the coming decade.

Ahmad Zahid said the exco meeting also discussed the coming Barisan Nasional Youth Convention to be held in Miri, Sarawak on July 6.

He said the convention will discuss a "controversial" topic "Bangsa Malaysia" (Malaysian Race), where the party will put forward its views on the issue.

The meeting also discussed the coming by-elections for the Teluk Intan parliamentary seat in Perak, Permatang state seat and the Kuala Selangor parliamentary seat in Selangor, and the Repah state seat in Negeri Sembilan.

He said all respective Umno Youth divisions have been asked to work closely with their respective state Umno Liaison Committee to ensure Barisan Nasional's success at the elections.

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