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GERAKAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN JULY

KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- A total of 1,600 delegates will be attending the Gerakan national delegates conference in July, party president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said today.

"This is election year for the state and national level leaders...the conference will elect the party's central committee members," he told reporters after a monthly meeting of top party officials here.

He said the state liaison committees would be holding meetings to fix election dates for state delegates beginning next month.

"I hope the elections will be ready by May. All 12 states will be electing state delegates except for Johor and Selangor," he said.

Dr Lim said state level elections in the two states had been suspended for party "re-organisation purposes" following infighting between factions last year during branch and divisional elections.

He said elections in these two states would be held at a later date to be decided by the central committee.

State leaders elected in the 1996 elections would be representing these two states at the two-day delegates conference beginning July 24, he said.

With two state assembly seats in Johor and three state assembly seats in Selangor, he said, the two states were important for Gerakan to ensure that the party machinery were geared and focused towards the next General Election.

The party's national delegates conference, scheduled to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is BN chairman, will see delegates from the branche, division and state levels.

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