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Gerakan-Mahathir

GERAKAN YOUTH AND WANITA APPROVE MOTION SUPPORTING DR M

KUALA LUMPUR, July 23 (Bernama) -- Gerakan's Wanita and Youth movements today unanimously approved a joint motion expressing support for the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at their 12th national delegates conference here.

The motion urges Dr Mahathir to continue leading the country in the new millennium to help realise Malaysia's objective of achieving developed status by the year 2020.

Tomorrow, Dr Mahathir is expected to open the 28th general assembly of Gerakan which will be attended by 1,700 delegates.

Wanita Gerakan also passed a motion pledging full support for the leadership of party president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik and his deputy Datuk Kerk Choo Ting.

The movement also approved four other motions, including those calling for abolition of laws discriminating against women and urging the government to set up a Public Facilities Commission to ensure privatisation projects would benefit the people.

It also urged the federal government to review the repeal of the Rent Control Act as it would burden the people, and wanted state governments to be cautious in approving development projects on hillslopes.

Gerakan Youth passed three resolutions on education, three on politics and two on economy.

Those on education called on the government to amend the Universities and University Colleges Act to enable university students to be active in politics, to introduce computer education in all schools and to give serious attention on the problem of teacher shortage in national-type Chinese and Tamil schools.

The political resolutions urged the Home Ministry to improve the public image of the police, called for amendments to the movement's rules to raise the age limit for youth chief's post at all levels from 40 to 45, and requested the Information Ministry to step up efforts to counter opposition propaganda on the Internet.

On the economy, the movement suggested that financial institutions expedite loan approvals to traders and urged the Sabah state government to ensure consistent electricity supply at reasonable rates to the people.

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