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UMNO'S 53RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- The 53rd Umno general assembly began at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today with the joint opening of its Youth and Wanita delegates' conference by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Abdullah, who is party vice president, performed the duty of Umno deputy president, who by party tradition, officiates at the conference.

Later, the Umno Youth proceeded with its delegates' conference proper at Dewan Tun Ismail of the PWTC and, Wanita at Dewan Tun Hussein Onn.

Both meetings would debate the key-note speeches of their movements' leaders besides motions on religion/social and economy/education.

Prime Minister and party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the general assembly tomorrow.

Altogether 2,034 delegates will be attending the four-day assembly.

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