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UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES CONFERENCES BEGIN APRIL 15

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 19 (Bernama) -- Umno Secretary-General Datuk Seri Sabbaruddin Chik said today the delegates conferences of the 165 Umno Divisions as well as that of the Wanita Umno and Youth Divisions can be held from April 15 to May 2.

Sabbaruddin said the conferences should select divisional representatives for the Umno General Assembly at one representative for every 500 members, but not exceeding seven from each division.

Head of the Division, deputy head, vice head and the head of the Wanita and Youth divisions were delegates automatically to the general assembly by virtue of their party position, he said after giving a briefing on the Umno General Assembly 1999 at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

The annual meetings of the 17,712 Umno branches in the country including that of the Wanita and Youth branches could be held from March 4 till April 4, he said.

The branches eligible to hold their annual meetings were those which were registered on or before Dec 15 last year and had already been issued with Branch Registration Certificates, he said.

Sabbaruddin said the Umno Supreme Council at its meeting on Feb 5 had decided that the annual membership subscription fee for 1999 could be collected from now on.

He said the council also decided that Nov 15 this year would be the last day to pay the subscription fees for members at branch level, Nov 30 at divisional level and Dec 15 at headquarters level.

He said as the list of members who had settled their membership subscription fee sent to the party headquarters by the various divisions was not complete, hence the lists were unable to be sent to the divisions and branches.

Such lists should be issued by the respective divisions and branches, Sabbaruddin said.

On the Umno General Assembly, he said it would be held from June 18 to 20 as stipulated by the Umno Supreme Council.

He said Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would open the general assembly at the Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre, on June 18.

On June 16, the Umno President would hold a briefing for the delegates and would be followed by the simultaneous opening of the Wanita Umno and Youth general assemblies by party vice-president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who is now carrying out the duties of the party deputy president.

The Umno Supreme Council at its meeting on Jan 8 had decided that party polls at all levels be postponed until after the general election as provided for by Clause 10.17 of the Umno Constitution.

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