

Don't adopt ^{Sum} parochial ^{8/1/2000} agenda, Umno ¹⁶ members told

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. Parochialism should never be the agenda of Umno delegates when choosing future leaders during party elections in May, says Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

"The more the merrier," joked Muhyiddin today, adding that Umno members should not be denied the choice of choosing the most suitable candidates.

He was asked to comment on Johor Umno's decision to support only one candidate from the state for the vice-president post.

He said Umno members should heed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice against parochialism along state lines for positions in the government.

As for states which have more than one candidate, this shows that they are able to produce capable national leaders, he said.

"Umno members should not therefore adopt the narrow approach of thinking on state-basis when they nominate or vote for a particular candidate.

"What Umno needs now are leaders capable of propelling the party forward in the face of new challenges in the new millennium including a much stronger opposition."