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Putra World Trade Centre all ready for the big event

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The Putra World Trade Centre is all set for the big event - the Umno general assembly - which will be held from Wednesday till Saturday.

Several halls like Dewan Tun Hussein which will be used on Wednesday by the party's Youth wing delegates and Dewan Tun Dr Ismail by the Wanita delegates are almost ready for the occasion.

Chairs in the two halls have been arranged as well as in Dewan Merdeka where party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will give a pre-council briefing tomorrow.

Some 100 workers were seen working on the backdrops in the various halls.

Dining tables for 3,000 people have been set up at Dewan Tun Razak I where luncheon and the president's dinner will be served on Thursday.

There are also two additional tents where another 2,000 dining tables have been set up.

Putrade Property Management Sdn Bhd public relations and communications senior manager Sopiah Suid said a team of 70 chefs and kitchen staff would be preparing 60,000 meals for breakfast, afternoon break, lunch and dinner during the event.

The provisions include 1,800kg of chilled beef, chicken (2,400kg), prawns (960kg), ikan tenggiri (1,200kg), potatoes (360kg), squid (1,080kg), carrot (180kg), round cabbage (180kg) and cauliflower (180kg).

Others are 4,800 eggs, rice (3,600kg), onions (192kg), tomatoes (240kg), red snapper (1,080kg), coconut milk (120kg), mushroom (60kg), beancurd (120kg), red chillies (96kg), mustard plant (96kg) and garlic (48kg).

There will be an additional 300 staff hired for the food and beverage department, kitchen, steward, florist and housekeeping department.

As for cutlery, the company has set aside 12,000 dinner plates, dessert plates, glasses, cups and saucers as well as forks, spoons and knives compared with 10,000 during the last general assembly.

Among the dishes for the president's dinner are ayam opor (which is similar to ayam kurma), daging ungu, sweet and sour fish and mixed vegetables.

The dishes for lunch are ayam lemak cili padi, daging seri tomato, sayur lodeh, mustard plant vegetables with prawns and fried fish with black pepper.

For dinner, delegates will enjoy daging gulai kerisik, crabmeat ball curry, udang sambal sotong, fried chicken in orange sauce and braised vegetables and beancurd.

Local delicacies such as bubur pengat pisang mas, roti jala with chicken curry, kuih talan and kuih koci will be served for tea break.

Those who wish to savour local delicacies sold by Umno members can visit some 200 foodstalls at Legar Putra and another 80 foodstalls on level five.

Sopiah said a matter of concern during every Umno general assembly was the cleanliness of toilets.

A total of 36 washrooms with 300 toilet cubicles will be available and they will be decorated with potted plants and fresh flowers.

At least 110 housekeeping workers will be monitoring the cleanliness of the centre. Of the total, 40 workers will be stationed at the toilets from 7am to 10pm.

Sopiah said 144 tonnes of rubbish were expected to be collected daily.  
As for medical facilities, she said an emergency room had been set up on level three and would be opened from 7am to 7pm.

There will be a specialist, two doctors, two nurses and two medical assistants on standby.

Sopiah said the halls would have floral decorations of Umno colours - yellow and red.

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