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Sabah party to set up branches in the peninsula

KOTA KINABALU, Mon. - The United Pasok Momogun Kadazandusun Organisation (Upko) will amend its constitution to provide for the setting up of branches outside the State.

The amendment is among three resolutions to be tabled at the party's sixth annual congress here on July 27.

Expected to be attended by some 600 delegates and observers from 24 divisions throughout the State, the congress will be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Upko information chief Wilfred Madius Tangau said Sabah people working in the Peninsula had urged the party to set up branches in the Klang Valley and Penang.

Speaking at a dinner hosted by the party for the Press here last night, Tangau said for a start the party would establish branches in the Klang Valley and Penang where the Sabah people were mostly concentrated.

Tangau said the setting up of the party's branches in the Peninsula augured well with its efforts to unite all the Sabah people, especially the Kadazandusun, in the Barisan Nasional.

Formed by ex-leaders of the Opposition Parti Bersatu Sabah, Upko, a Kadazandusun-based party, is one of the nine Barisan Nasional component members in Sabah.

Other resolutions to be tabled at the party's congress are on unity and education.

Tangau said Upko president Tan Sri Bernard Dompok's presidential address would focus on the theme "Let's Unite Again" to stress the need for the Kadazandusun to unite.

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