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Umno constitution review committee receives draft

MUAR, Tues. - A draft amendment to the Umno constitution will be submitted to the party's constitution review committee in Kuala Lumpur tomorrow.

Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who heads the committee, said the draft amendment, compiled from his nationwide fact-finding tour, would be scrutinised by the committee members.

After this he would submit a comprehensive report to Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Muhyiddin, who is also Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister, said he was entrusted with the task of hearing the views and suggestions from Umno members including at the grassroot level, which was aimed at creating a better system to strengthen Umno administration and Malay unity.

"This is an indepth study to enable me to feel the pulse of the ordinary members even in the remote villages towards the proposed changes to the party constitution," he told reporters after a briefing by Hassan Hashim, supervisor of the Johor Special Affairs Department under the Information Ministry, here today.

Muhyiddin said: "Members want a smoother mechanism where Umno can continue to woo Malay support to strengthen unity and the party's original struggle.

"We have to go down and be close to them, and work hard to defend the party, sovereignty, Malay unity and Islam."

Muhyiddin said he had also received proposals that Division A government officers be given a chance to hold posts in the party.

He said the existing government's General Orders which prohibit their political activities would also be looked into.

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