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UMNO INFORMATION COURSES TO ENHANCE MEMBERS' COMMITMENT

KUANTAN, Jan 30 (Bernama) -- The Umno headquarters is drawing up information courses to enhance members' awareness on their responsibility and commitment to the party, said its secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob today.

In addition, the courses also aimed to instil loyalty so that Umno members would work for the party, he told reporters after officiating the service centre for the Kuantan parliamentary constituency here.

Khalil, who is also Kuantan Member of Parliament, said the first course launched by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Jan 11 was to pave the way for the subsequent information courses.

Dr Mahathir had said earlier this month that Umno would conduct information courses for all its 2.7 million members nationwide to instil love for the party before the Umno election on May 11.

In this context, a gathering attended by all Umno Supreme Council (MT) members was held on Jan 11. Dr Mahathir had briefed those conducting the courses on the topics to be discussed.

Khalil said the information courses were important to revive the spirit of the Umno struggles, particularly among the younger generation.

"Umno is a major party and it is possible that many of the younger generation may not know of the background leading to independence and the struggles of past leaders," he said.

Khalil, who is also Information Minister, further criticised the attitude of opposition leaders who, having succeeded in forming a new state government recently, acted as though there were many irregularities committed by the former Barisan Nasional government in the state concerned.

He said in comparison, new governments in the developed countries would continue with the existing policies drawn up by the past government without questioning the previous administration.

Earlier, Khalil presented gifts to 420 old folks and the less privileged group in conjunction with the Chinese New Year. The gifts, contributed by the Kuantan MCA division, comprised of a RM30 ang pow and daily necessities.

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