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Leaders and people not connecting, says Muhammad

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SHAH ALAM, Sat: Selangor Umno liaison chief Tan Sri Muhammad Muhd Taib today identified communication gap as the weakness which detaches party leaders from the people.

He said this led to the failure of the government to explain planned policies and development to benefit the Malays.

"All policy and developments benefiting the Malays have to be explained in detail, in regard to their meaning and value, rather than just in terms of ringgit and sen."

Muhammad, in his speech at the 10th Selangor Umno Convention here, said the Opposition, recognising this weakness, is now challenging the party and the government.

He said recognising the Opposition's onslaught, the Selangor Umno convention this time has identified five major topics to be tackled

from 34 working papers prepared for the five workshops.

The two-month long workshops will discuss politics, economics, social problems, religion, and education and training, and the resolutions will be submitted to the state government for immediate action.

Meanwhile, Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohamed Khir Toyo, who is also the deputy state Umno chief, said the state government will support resolutions which will serve well for the Malays.

Mohamad Khir pointed out that the state has allocated about 16ha of land in Kemensah, Kuala Kubu Baru, for the construction of Camp Ghafar Baba, which will be the Selangor Umno training centre.

The camp, which is to commence construction in August and to be completed by February next year, was named "New Malay Culture Training Institute" by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today