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2,027 delegates to attend assembly

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The three-day Umno general assembly to be held at the Putra World Trade Centre, starting June 21, would be attended by 2,027 delegates.

Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said they include division leaders and representatives from Umno Youth and Wanita Umno.

He said there would be observers from Umno Club overseas and 40 from foreign parties and countries.

"The newly-formed Puteri Umno will send 50 observers to the assembly. One of their representatives will also take part in the debate on motion of thanks to the party president's keynote address," Khalil, who is also the Information Minister told a special media briefing at the party headquarters today.

He said representatives of Umno Club overseas would be from Britain, South Korea, Cairo, Queensland, Jakarta, Melbourne, Yogyakarta, Ireland, Medan, Chicago and Japan.

The representatives from the foreign parties include those from the Communist Party of China, Workers Party of North Korea, Jamiate Islami Afghanistan, Bharathiya Janata Party of India, Communist Party of Cuba and Indonesia's Golkar.

He said on Tuesday, there would be the closed-door pre-council meeting which will be attended by Umno supreme council members, Umno Youth exco members, Wanita Umno exco members and Puteri Umno pro-tem committee members.

The Youth and Wanita assemblies would be jointly opened by the party deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Wednesday while the general assembly would be officiated by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Thursday.

Asked by a reporter whether media passes would be issued to opposition papers Khalil said the passes were only for reporters and photographers who had accreditation cards issued by the Information Department.

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