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2,027 DELEGATES TO ATTEND UMNO ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 15 (Bernama) -- The Umno general assembly scheduled for next week will be attended by 2,027 delegates from all over the country, said party secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

The three-day assembly, beginning on Thursday, will also be attended by representatives from Umno Clubs and about 40 observers from organisations and political parties abroad.

The assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) would be preceded by a Presidential Briefing on Tuesday at the Dewan Merdeka where Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would convey his message concerning the assembly, he said at a media conference, here today.

"Normally (the presidential briefing) would focus on matters pertaining to the party, thus it will be a closed-door session so that the delegates can express their views and raise questions which are more open," he said.

The general assembly for the Umno Youth and Wanita movements would be held on the following day and would be opened simultaneously by Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Dr Mahathir would open the Umno general assembly on Thursday morning at the Dewan Merdeka, PWTC and this would be followed by a debate by representatives of the state Umno liaison committees, the Youth and Wanita wings as well as Puteri Umno and Umno Clubs.

The debates will be on the Presidential Address, resolutions on religion, education and the economy.

However, he declined to elaborate on the focus and theme of the assembly this year and urged everyone to wait for the presidential address.

He also said that Umno would only issue media passes to journalists and photographers with press accreditation cards issued by the Information Department.

He said other media representatives who did not have press accreditation cards could get news on the assembly from the Malaysian National News Agency (BERNAMA).

"We only issue media passes to those registered with the Information Department, in addition there is coverage by BERNAMA which can be obtained by everyone," he said.

The media passes would be issued from 9am on Tuesday and media representatives could obtain them from the party headquarters at the 38th Floor, Menara Dato' Onn, PWTC.

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