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DON'T MISINTERPRET UMNO'S MOVE TO ACCEPT CHINESE, SAYS HISHAMMUDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 22 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth Chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein does not want certain quarters to misinterpret Umno's move to accept Chinese, who are former members of Parti Angkatan Keadilan Rakyat (AKAR) in Sabah, within its fold.

He said the invitation was not without conditions and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had made it clear.

"Those accepted as Umno members have pledged to give their undivided support to Umno struggle...be it the special privilege of the Malays, the educational quota and the status of Islam as the official religion, as state by AKAR president Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia yesterday," he said after the SEA Games Organising Committee meeting here today.

Hishammuddin said their presence could help to strengthen Umno's strength and position.

He said he had received many views, via letters and fax, on the matter, some of which were negative.

"As the Umno Youth chief, I urge certain quarters to understand the conditions imposed by party president to former AKAR members in wanting to join Umno," he said.

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