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Hishammuddin: Assembly must serve as `awakening experience'

UMNO Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein said this year's general assembly should serve as an awakening experience for party members.

He said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to the Malays to remedy their failures in their social, religious and economic well-being displayed an urgency for Umno members to arrest their own shortcomings.

"I am personally touched by the president's resilience who despite the years of struggle within Umno, is still committed to the betterment of the Malays.

"This should serve as an example to us all, particularly the younger party members who must remember that if we are committed, things like age and money will not be a barrier. I also noted that the president's speech came from deep inside his heart and this has inspired me as a young leader."

Hishammuddin hoped that Dr Mahathir's words would stick in the minds of members and be used to face the challenges posed by the Opposition.

"As for Umno Youth, we are no longer in doubt as to where we are going from now on and in fact, we are more prepared to do the utmost for the party.

"With this new-found inspiration, Umno Youth will move forward and those (members) who wish to follow are more than welcome to do so while those who refuse will be left behind."

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