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In the name of national unity and allegiance

MOVING ON ... Chinese former members of Angkatan Keadilan Rakyat signing up to join Umno in Kota Kinabalu yesterday. They are (seated from left) Tony Chong, Y.K. Pang, Connie Lee, Joseph Chong, Peter Chong and Ricky Chua. Witnessing the occasion are (standing from left) former deputy youth leader Jenius Toharin, former treasurer-general William Chang Chin Shin and former party secretary-general Ricky Sedomon.

Some 6,000 former members of Akar are Chinese and Sino, and they have been given the privilege to join Umno in Sabah.

(Sino are those whose fathers are Chinese and mothers natives of Sabah. The children of a Chinese man with a Kadazan wife are known as Sino-Kadazan.)

Said Chang, "I am confident that more than 90 per cent of our Chinese and Sino members will join Sabah Umno because it is a special privilege given by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad."

Dr Mahathir, Umno's president, opened the party's doors to them after Akar was dissolved on Sunday.

Chang said Chinese members of the party's supreme council had submitted their application to join Umno to the Prime Minister immediately after the party's dissolution.

Among them were Akar deputy president Datuk Filino Hee, wanita chief Tee Giok Moi, deputy information chief Liew Chung Fatt, Chu Ming Hee, Luc Chu Kwong, Martin Yong, James Fung, Yan Pang Uee and Au Yun Foh.

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