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Leadership symposium is on at UM

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Simposium Penegasan Arah Tuju Idealisma Mahasiswa Di Alaf Baru which was to open at University Malaya's Dewan Tunku Canselor tomorrow will be held as planned at the university, but at an alternative venue.

The two-day student leadership symposium will now be held at the Dewan Perdana Siswa.

This follows today's early morning fire which destroyed Dewan Tunku Canselor.

Yayasan Pengerak Wawasan chairman Tan Sri Dr Rahim Thamby Chik said the event is proceeding despite attempts by certain quarters to prevent it.

Based on the anti-Government leaflets which were distributed to students last night in connection with the event, Rahim believed that those responsible for distributing the leaflets could be involved in the 3.40am fire.

Chemistry Department officials are trying to determine how the fire started.

About 3,000 students from 15 local universities and private institutions of higher learning, academicians, religious figure and prominent leaders will participate in the symposium organised by Yayasan Pengerak Wawasan.

The symposium aims at getting all participants to interact with one another so that views can be exchanged and issues discussed which would encourage a culture of excellence based on truth and facts.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad will speak at the closing ceremony.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak are among the speakers at the symposium tomorrow.

Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin will officiate at the event.

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