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TAPES OF DR MAHATHIR'S UMNO SPEECH TO BE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED

KUALA LUMPUR, June 28 (Bernama) -- Umno will distribute widely the tapes of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech at the party's general assembly last week, said Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob today.

He said that in the past, the tapes were only distributed at the divisional level.

"...but this time around we will distribute the tapes widely," he told reporters after officiating the 20th anniversary celebrations of the Malaysian National Film Development Corporation (Finas), here.

During the function, Khalil also opened Finas' sound stage studio and launched a book on Malaysian films from 1975-1999.

On the motions passed at the general assembly, Khalil said the party's management committee would act on the matters raised.

On the sound stage studio, Khalil said Finas would rent it out to film producers at reasonable fees in efforts to enhance the local productions.

The studio, which is among the most sophisticated in the Asian region, costs RM16.8 million to build and allows direct sound recordings to be made while filming, doing away with the need for the dubbing process later.

During the function, Khalil also presented diplomas to 19 graduands of the Malaysian Film Academy.

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