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Umno to celebrate 55th anniversary tomorrow

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Umno will mark its 55th anniversary on Friday in a one-day event at the Putra World Trade Centre to commemorate the founding of the party and its struggles to achieve independence and uplift the Malays.

Party permanent chairman Tan Sri Sulaiman Ninam Shah urged all party veterans to attend.

"The event is also aimed at remembering the contributions of veterans in the party's struggle," said Sulaiman, who is chairman of the celebration committee.

Expected to draw 3,500 party members, the event will be divided into two sessions.

The first session will begin at 10am, attended solely by party veterans, including Umno's former State Assemblymen and MPs.

During the session, Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob will deliver a welcoming address, to be followed by a film screening.

The second session, to be attended by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will begin at 2.30pm.

Apart from the party veterans, the session will also be attended by supreme council members, branch and division heads, former People's Representative Association (Mubarak) members, and representatives from Umno Youth, Wanita Umno and Puteri Umno.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to deliver his speech at 4pm. A dialogue session will follow.

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