

# PM to open SUPP assembly today

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KUCHING: The Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) triennial general assembly will be opened for the first time by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.

More than 1,000 party members and observers are expected at the party's 19th assembly.

Party president Tan Sri Dr George Chan Hong Nam, deputy president Datuk Law Hieng Ding, secretary-general Datuk Sim Kheng Hui and treasurer-general Datuk David Teng Lung Chi are expected to be given fresh mandates by delegates for another three-year term.

Organising secretary Datuk Peter Chin Fah Kui and publicity secretary Datuk Yap Chin Loi are also expected to be re-elected.

However, one of the four incumbent vice-presidents Datuk Song Swee Guan, who is also Bandar Kuching MP, may not seek re-election as he is seen to be gradually withdrawing from active politics.

Later, Dr Mahathir will fly to Bintulu to open the new RM385mil airport there.

In the contest for SUPP Youth wing's top post, lawyer Alan Sim is tipped to take over as incumbent Lee Kim Shin, who is the Senadin assemblyman, is not seeking re-election.

Sim, 38, is the movement's current vice-chairman and Pending branch Youth chief.

For the party's women wing, no keen contest for the top posts is expected.

Dr George Chan will open the joint triennial delegates conferences of the Youth and women wings today.