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PBB CONVENTION TO DISCUSS ATTAINMENT OF VISION 2020 OBJECTIVES

BALINGIAN, June 11 (Bernama) -- The successful attainment of the Vision 2020 objectives in Sarawak will be among the main agendas for the Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) convention to be held in Kuching on July 5-9.

"We are very anxious as we have only 18 years left." PBB Deputy-President I Tan Sri Alfred Jabu said today.

There was an urgent need to accelerate the various programmes to achieve the Vision 2020 objective to make Malaysia a developed nation by that year, the deputy chief minister said.

"For example, we have to look into our Information Communication Technology (ICT) programmes to ensure that our people can acquire the necessary skill and competence in time," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after witnessing the installation of the party's Kakus and Tamin branch committee members for 2002 /2004 at Rh. Rantai, Sepiring, near here.

He said the convention would be an ideal opportunity to re-examine the training and education plans currently available.

He also said that it was important to ensure the success of other programmes like the Rural Growth Centre programme and the commercial development of Native Customary Right (NCR) lands to narrow the development gap between the urban and rural areas.

He was confident that the creation of two new divisions in Mukah and Betong last March would hasten the development process.

On the appointment of a new secretary-general to replace Datuk Amar Leonard Linggi Jugah who retired recently after holding the the post for more than 20 years, Jabu said he left the decision to party president Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud as it was his prerogative.

He said the Pesaka wing led by him would not make a bid for the post. Jugah is from the Pesaka wing.

More than 1,000 delegates and observers from 62 branches are expected to attend the convention to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on July 8.

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