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MANY KEEN TO LEARN FROM UMNO ON POLITICAL AND MANAGEMENT APPROACH

KUALA LUMPUR, June 20 (Bernama) -- Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said many countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe want to learn about the party's struggles.

"The Umno headquarters has hosted many delegations from these countries who want to know the political and management approach practised by the party," he said when tabling the secretary-general's report at the Umno general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here today.

Khalil said the Umno headquarters is now translating information materials, books and pamphlets on the speeches of the party leaders into English, Mandarin, Japanese, Arabic and French to meet the requests from abroad.

Meanwhile, information materials and pamphlets on speeches of party leaders are constantly being distributed to all divisions and branches, he said.

At the general assembly this time, representatives from 21 political parties from 18 countries attended the opening ceremony which focused on the speech by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Khalil said Umno also encourages the establishment of Umno clubs abroad to woo as many members and so far, there are 33 such clubs outside the country with 12,000 members.

He recorded his appreciation to Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as chairman of the Umno Management Committee and the Umno vice-presidents who handled the party's management, membership and supervision of by-elections.

He said all preparations to ensure the smooth running of the 2002 Umno general assembly had been completed successfully right from the branch levels in accordance with the party constitution and procedures of the assembly.

He also recorded his appreciation to the chairmen and committee members of divisions and branches who had contributed much in resolving many problems that had arisen to ensure the success of the general assembly.

Khalil also praised the party's Disciplinary Committee led by Tengku Ahmad Rithauden and former Umno Information Chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed who had discharged their responsibilities well.

He welcomed the appointment of Tan Sri Megat Junid Megat Ayob as the new Information Chief.

Khalil said the party headquarters has improved its computer facilities especially in updating its information system and membership list.

In fact, he said, the record on activity reports sent by the Supreme Council, Members of Parliament and State Assemblymen have been compiled and handed to Dr Mahathir.

He said the party's website, Umno On-line, has been visited by 3.4 million visitors with 57 million "hits" which presents an encouraging achievement and proves that interest from the public has been good.

Khalil said that up to May 31, 2002, a total of 18,612 Umno branches has been registered.

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