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Three resolutions to be debated at Umno's 56th general assembly

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - There will be no resolution on the economy but delegates to the 56th Umno assembly are free to raise the matter during the debate on the presidential address.

The presidential address will be tabled as one of the three resolutions of the assembly.

The other resolutions are on matters relating to religion and education/social.

The resolution on education is expected to take centre stage, while the president's policy speech will draw a lot of attention from delegates as this would indicate the direction to be taken by the party.

Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said the three-day assembly to be held at the Putra World Trade Centre will be attended by 2,033 delegates.

He added that the party assembly will be preceded by the assemblies of the party's Youth, Wanita and Puteri wings, which will be opened by party deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Tuesday night.

"The assembly proper will begin on Thursday and will be opened by party president Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"His address will be telecast live by RTM."

Khalil was speaking at a Press conference at the party headquarters today.

He said Umno would adjourn the meeting in the morning to hold a special assembly to deliberate on proposed amendments to its constitution with a view to formalising Puteri Umno.

Khalil also said that representatives from 12 political parties from other countries had been invited to attend the assembly.

He said 30 representatives of overseas Umno clubs, including from London, Chicago, Washington, Connecticut, Boston and Cairo, had also been invited to attend the assembly.

The party headquarters has also sent invitations to party veterans.

Meanwhile, hotels in the city are expected to do brisk business when delegates from outstation start converging on the city.

The PWTC has also been spruced up for the party's biggest event of the year.

Tables for petty traders to parade their wares for the duration of the assemblies have been lined up.

Arrangements are under way to instal close-circuit televisions at strategic locations within the building.

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