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Umno Club

UMNO CLUB NOT A BRANCH OF UMNO, STUDENTS TOLD

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MELBOURNE, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Malaysian students here were cautioned against assuming that the Melbourne Umno Club is an arm or branch of Umno Malaysia.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Melbourne Umno Club at the weekend, the chairman of Overseas Umno Club Alumni, Datuk Noh Omar, stressed that Umno clubs were essentially social organisations that fostered goodwill among students and catered for a variety of social activities.

"Umno Malaysia is a national political organisation and quite unlike Umno clubs. Students must not use Umno clubs for political activities and to further their political ambitions," he said.

The dinner, held at a reception centre in the exclusive suburb of Toorak was attended by about 160 students.

Echoing Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for more interaction among the races, Noh, who is parliamentary secretary in the PM's Department, urged the students to mix freely with other races and nationalities in Australia.

"Australia, like Malaysia is a multicultural and multiracial country and there are over 150 ethnic groups in Australia. You must make use of this wonderful opportunity to get to know them and establish links which will be useful in later life, especially in bilateral trade and other spheres," he said.

Noh told the students to not only acquire knowledge but also learn how to use it for the benefit of all Malaysians.

The evening was filled with traditional dances and a pantomime.

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