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Puteri Umno's day to remember as it is formalised as an entity

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - It was a day for young Malay women today, at the 56th Umno general assembly.

For a start, they were present at the Putra World Trade Centre in numbers never seen at the party's previous assemblies. In fact, this was the first time Puteri Umno members attended the party's highest decision-making event.

More significantly, Puteri was formalised as a separate entity, setting it in the same league as the Youth and Wanita movements.

A special general assembly was convened to amend the party's constitution to allow for Puteri's formalisation. Accordingly, the head of this newest wing will now be accorded the status of a party vice-president.

The motion to amend the constitution, tabled by vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, was unanimously passed without debate.

The day started with the traditional flag-raising ceremony in front of the PWTC, led by party president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Attention then turned to the PWTC's packed Merdeka Hall for the president's address.

Much of the afternoon proceedings were to debate the motion of thanks for the president's speech. Six delegates, from Perak, Kedah, Pahang, Terengganu, the Federal Territory and Perlis, took to the rostrum before the day's session was adjourned.

A motion on education and another on "religion and social" will be tabled before this year's general assembly ends on Saturday.

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