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PUTERI UMNO TO BE POLITICAL FOUNDATION FOR YOUNG MALAY WOMEN

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 1 (Bernama) -- Puteri Umno, which it held its inaugural general assembly today, will be the political foundation for young Malay women, said its leader Azalina Othman Said.

"Puteri (Umno) will be developed as a political education institution for young Malay women," she said when addressing the assembly which was opened by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here.

Azalina, who won unopposed as the movement's chief, said Putri Umno would be polished to project young Malay women as dynamic and progressive as well as with religious upbringing and cultural values.

In his direction, she said the movement would need the guidance, advice and views of party leaders, Umno Youth and Wanita Umno as well as society.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, vice-presidents Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhamad Taib and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin as well as Umno Youth leader Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein. Puteri Umno has 93,435 members.

Azalina said Puteri Umno would provide the second link between the generation of today and those before them.

"We accept the fact that we are newcomers and have a long way to go. We appreciate all advices and criticisms," she said.

She said the political arena which they ventured into provided a new experience, demanding stout-heartedness.

The 18-month period of the pro tem committee had given members of the movement with valuable experience in carrying out the party's directive, she said.

Azalina said Putri Umno had a clear perspective in terms of the strategic role it could play to complement efforts of the Umno Youth and Wanita Umno.

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