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Gerakan-Conference

GERAKAN'S VISION 2020 EXHIBITION TO PAY TRIBUTE TO PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- The Gerakan's 32nd National Delegates Conference will kick-off tomorrow with a special exhibition and multimedia show.

"Party president Datuk Dr Lim Keng Yaik will launch the Vision 2020 exhibition," Gerakan secretary-general Chia Kwang Chye said at a special briefing on the three-day delegates conference at the party's headquarters today.

"The exhibition is a special tribute to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his contributions to the country. The vision includes nine declarations to achieve industrial status," said Chia, who is also the conference organising committee chairman.

After the exhibition launch in the morning, Gerakan deputy president Datuk Seri Kerk Choo Ting will open both the party's Youth and Wanita meetings in the afternoon.

Some 1,800 delegates will attend the national conference on Saturday, to be declared open by Dr Mahathir. About 3,000 people are expected to be present, he said.

Themed "Reinventing for the 21st Century", this year's conference will focus on setting up a fair Malaysian society in line with the party's Wawasan 2020 motto.

About 30 amendments to the party's constitution, adopted by the Central Working Committee on July 1, will be tabled at the delegates conference on Sunday.

The amendments will touch on a wide range of issues -- membership, establishment of new branches, formation of the party's Youth and Wanita wings, setting up of State bureaus and dissolution of branches and divisions.

Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein Onn and Wanita chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz are expected to attend the Gerakan Youth and Wanita delegates meetings tomorrow.

Gerakan will also host a special dinner "Malam Gerakan" at the party's Dewan Wawasan on Saturday at which the late Tan Sri Alex Lee Excellence Awards will be presented.

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