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GERAKAN TO PROPOSE FIVE MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO ITS CONSTITUTION

KUALA LUMPUR, July 30 (Bernama) -- All elected Gerakan State liaison committee chairmen would automatically become Central Committee (CC) members under a proposed amendment to be tabled at the party's 32nd National Delegates Conference (NDC) here starting on Aug 22.

Gerakan secretary-general Chia Kwang Chye said the proposal was among five major amendments to the party's constitution to be tabled at the two-day conference.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Barisan Nasional chairman, will open the conference at the party's headquarters here.

Chia, who is Energy, Communications and Multimedia Ministry Parliamentary Secretary, said the NDC, with the theme "Reinventing for the 21st Century", would not hold elections for office-bearers.

About 30 amendments would be tabled and debated by the 1,500 delegates, he told reporters at the party's headquarters.

He said a proposal would also be tabled to allow a maximum of 18 branches to be formed in a division, an increase from the present 12.

Chia said this was to allow greater participation by the grassroots.

Another proposal was to allow sub-branches to be formed according to polling districts, he said.

He said an amendment would also be tabled to double the number of life council members to 300.

Those eligible to become life council members would be required to have been a party member for at least 20 years instead of the present 15 years.

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