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AROUND 10,000 DELEGATES EXPECTED AT UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 16 (Bernama) -- Gauging from the number of food orders received from State Umno Liaison committees, about 10,000 delegates and observers are expected to attend the 57th Umno General Assembly beginning tomorrow.

Datuk Yaakob Mohammad, Chief Executive Officer of Putrade Property Management Sdn Bhd, which is in charge of the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), where the five-day meeting will take place, said, this year, 90,000 packets of food, instead of the usual 65,000, had been ordered.

Briefing reporters on the preparations for the assembly, Yaakob said the increase in number this year may be due to Umno members wishing to hear in person the policy address of Datuk Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Umno President before he retires in October.

"We are preparing a lot of food this time because we do not want to be short of food, especially for those coming from other states," he said.

In ensuring that all observers followed the proceedings, Dewan Tun Hussein Onn will be used as the observers' hall, where a large screen had been installed for the President's policy address on June 19.

"We will also have a closed-circuit television at every level. Last year, only selected levels had it," he said.

This year, the stage would be given a new look, with new decorations, and there would be 450 stalls, with red carpets, he said.

Putrade had also hired 80 cleaners to ensure that the premises was clean, especially the restrooms, pantry and lobby, Yaakob said.

"To ensure security, we will provide 85 security officers to assist the National Security Division," he added.

Overall, a total of 580 PWTC staff, including the additional workers, will be on duty.

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