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UMNO TO REVIEW MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION SYSTEM

KUALA LUMPUR, May 13 (Bernama) -- Umno will review its membership registration system to simplify the process so as to increase its members, party vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

One method currently under study was the old system which enabled applicants who were registered at the branch level to automatically become members upon getting their membership fee receipts, he told reporters after opening a seminar on intellectual property rights, here.

Muhyiddin, who is Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister, was responding to questions on allegations by the professional group that it was difficult to become an Umno member.

Under the present system, applicants have to send their membership registration forms to the branch and if approved by the branch chairman, the forms would be sent to the division before being forwarded to the national level. The period for confirmation as a member is not fixed.

On the move by the Tasek Gelugor Umno division to give a RM3 incentive to members for each new member recruited, Muhyiddin said the effort was not disparaged but it would give the impression that the fighting spirit was waning.

He hoped that such incentive payment would not become a trend in Umno in future.

On Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir's statement that there were splinter groups out to create disunity within Umno, Muhyiddin said it was a reminder from the party president to all members to return to the spirit of Umno's struggle.

"Sacrificing for the party is more important and we need not prioritise self-interest or factional interest," he said.

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