

Najib officially opens Umno General Assembly
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KUALA LUMPUR -- The Umno General Assembly 2010 was officially opened by party president Najib Abdul Razak in Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre, here Thursday.

The opening ceremony began with a parade and raising of the Umno flag at Dataran Putra at 8.30am, followed by the policy speech delivered by Najib, who is also prime minister, in Dewan Merdeka before 4,907 delegates.

A dinner function to mark the general assembly will be held in Dewan Tun Razak at 8pm.

The Umno general assembly this time is held for five days beginning Tuesday with the simultaneous opening of the party's Wanita, Youth and Puteri assemblies by Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who is also deputy prime minister.

In conjunction with this year's general assembly, a two-day international seminar on "Creating Global Citizens: Media Liberalisation and New Political Realities" was held from Monday.

Such a forum, held for the first time, had some 400 participants including 63 from 22 political parties in 20 countries and 54 Umno overseas club members, as well as political analysts. - Bernama

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