

Khairy says book on him a fiction

COPIES of *Hikayat Khairy - Khairy Jamaluddin: Putera Oxford ke Putrajaya* are being given out free at the Umno general assembly, and it has been labelled as "fiction" by Khairy Jamaluddin who is son-in-law of party president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"The central character in the book has the same name as me. The photograph on the cover strikingly resembles me.

"But the stories inside have nothing to do with me. It is full of lies," said the deputy Umno Youth chief.

The 253-page book is the Malay version of the *Khairy Chronicles* posted in an online news portal.

Khairy said he was aware that both English and Malay versions of the book had been circulated for some time.

"It is an attempt to smear my reputation. At the same time I feel flattered that someone is willing to spend so much time

and money fantasising and speculating about what I do.

"This shows that someone is obsessed with me. I feel sorry for the writer because his life is so meaningless. The person must be so full of hatred and

disillusionment to resort to this.

"If I meet the writer, I will counsel him. I will ask him to look at life from a more meaningful perspective," he said.

Asked about a chapter of the book which touched on actress

Maya Karin, Khairy said he had explained many times that he had nothing to do with her.

Some of the delegates said the person behind it must have spent quite a bit, as the print quality was very good.