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Dr M says will attend assembly as 'guest'

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PETALING JAYA: Former Umno president Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad says he will attend the Umno general assembly, which will be held from Dec 8 to 12, although he has yet to receive an invitation letter.

"I have not received any letter from the party, but I deem the words from (Umno vice president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi) as an invitation," he said after presenting prizes to the winners of a Proton car design competition at the Proton Excellence Centre near here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said the statement by Zahid recently that he (Dr Mahathir) should attend the assembly could be deemed as an invitation.

Zahid had said that Dr Mahathir, Malaysia's fourth prime minister, should attend the assembly because party members still respected him as a former Umno president.

Dr Mahathir said his presence at the assembly was only as a guest and he was not there to give speeches.

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