

Najib Opens 2011 Umno General Assembly
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- The 2011 Umno General Assembly began Thursday with the opening ceremony graced by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

The ceremony kicked off with the raising of Umno flag at Dataran Putra, before Najib, who is also Umno President, delivered his keynote address in front of the 5,477 Umno delegates in Dewan Merdeka.

A dinner in conjunction with the opening of the general assembly will also be held at Dewan Tun Razak I at 8pm.

The five-day general assembly began with the simultaneous opening of the three Umno wings' - Wanita, Youth and Puteri - assemblies by Umno Deputy President Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on Tuesday.

The general assembly is expected to focus on strengthening the party's machinery in gearing up for the upcoming 13th general election.

Najib's keynote address is also expected to be full of advice and reminders, not only for the delegates, but also for millions of Umno members nationwide.

An international forum on the Politics of Economy and Social Transformation in the Era of Global Crisis had also been held in conjunction with this year's Umno General Assembly.

A total of 65 delegates from 25 political parties in 22 countries attended the two-day forum which began on Monday.

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