

5,447 Delegates Expected At 2011 Umno General Assembly
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- A total of 5,447 delegates are expected to attend the 2011 Umno general assembly to be held at the Merdeka Hall, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) on Nov 29 to Dec 3.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said the delegates comprised 2,627 people from the party's 191 divisions nationwide, Wanita wing (944 people), Youth (942) and Puteri (934).

This assembly would be the first where divisional secretaries automatically become delegates as a recognition of their full-time service to the party, he told a media conference here Monday.

Tengku Adnan said the assembly, which would be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, would debate three motions, comprising the President's policy speech, on economy and religion, as well as education and social.

Meanwhile, Umno Deputy President Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin will simultaneously open the Wanita, Youth and Puteri general assemblies on Nov 29.

Both the opening ceremonies, as well as the winding-up speech by Najib on the last day of the assembly, will be broadcast live on RTM.

Tengku Adnan said 58 foreign delegates, representing 23 political parties from 20 countries, would also be at the assembly.

They include six representatives from the Communist Party of China, 11 from Mamafisoa Party Madagascar, three from the Palestine National Liberation Movement, Al-Fatah, and two from the Permanent Conference of Political Parties of Latin America and the Caribbean, Coppal.

Tengku Adnan said all the 74 Overseas Umno Clubs would also be sending a representative each to the assembly.

He said 1,540 media practitioners from 83 agencies, including nine international media agencies, would be covering the five-day event.

He said Umno would organise a two-day international forum, with the title "The Politics of Economic and Social Transformation in the Era of Global Crisis".

Najib will open the forum on Nov 28 and deliver a key-note address at the function, while Muhyiddin will close it, he added.

This Saturday, Umno is organising a national seminar on understanding moderation and 1Malaysia, to be held at the Tun Dr Ismail Hall of PWTC, he added.

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