

**Umno changes party election dates**  
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To accommodate the visit of two world leaders and requests from its various division and branches, Umno today announced new dates for its branch and divisional meetings and party nominations and election.

The Umno supreme council elections has been postponed by two weeks to October 19 from October 5, while nomination day is now slated for September 28, instead of September 7.

Nominations for the Wanita, Youth and Puteri wings will now take place on September 21, instead of September 7.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said in a statement today the changes in dates were made on the request of party members.

He also said that preparations had to be made for the official visits of United States president Barack Obama and Chinese premier Xi Jinping, in early October.

The upcoming Umno elections will see almost 150,000 members selecting the top office bearers, in accordance with amendments to the party's constitution, which allows more members to directly vote for the party leadership.

Prior to the last party election and amendments to its constitution in 2009, only some 2,500 delegates had voting rights. - August 11, 2013.

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