

Umno Delegates Laud 'Electoral College' Election System
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- Delegates of the Umno Youth, Wanita Umno and Puteri movements are satisfied with the implementation of the 'Electoral College System' in the party election today, to decide on leaders at division and national levels.

They were generally of the opinion that the system could be used in the coming elections because it was democratic in nature and enabled them to get to know the candidates better.

Bukit Bintang Umno division Youth exco Jefree Zain Affendi, 39, told Bernama after a voting session at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today, the new system was the best opportunity for Umno members to become more active and be appreciated through picking their leaders.

Bukit Bintang Umno division vice-chief Nor Zaini Rakimen, 45, said the innovation allowed delegates at all levels to know clearly the personality of the candidates contesting the highest posts.

"But several things must be clarified in detail, among which is the candidate who is contesting at both the division and national levels. When the candidate wins at the national level but loses at divisional level, what is his fate?"

Jalan P. Ramlee Wanita Umno branch chief Kamariyah Tahir, 68, said the system enabled the delegates to also help in the continuity of the party's struggle.

Its vice-chief, Widiyanti Samsi, 38, said the system was more systematic and would enable the best to serve in the party but it was quite slow, probably due to the fact that it was being used for the first time.

Meanwhile, Kampung Cendana Umno branch (Titiwangsa Umno division) Puteri exco Noor Fazillah Muhari, 32, said Umno's image and reputation could be boosted with the innovation through the election of apt party leaders.

"We, at the grassroots, know who performs or otherwise...we also can know which leader has a clear direction and vision to lead," she said.

Jalan Ampang Hilir branch (Titiwangsa division) Puteri chief Nur Syuhada Zainudin, 21, said previously, there were limits when selecting candidates contesting at the highest level but it was open to all delegates.

"The system now not only allows candidates for the highest post to interact with the national delegates but also gave them the opportunity to go down to the field to introduce themselves to delegates at the grassroots," said Nur Syuhada.

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