

**Kimma Needs To Think Ahead, Contribute Ideas And Initiatives For The People -
Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin wants members of the Malaysian Indian Muslim Congress (Kimma) to think far and present ideas and initiatives with the 'wow factor' for the people's wellbeing.

He said this was for the people to look at Kimma, which is an Umno affiliate, as an outstanding contributor to community and national development.

"The situation is different now, so we have to think differently, we have to act seriously. We have to think deeper, and create new initiatives for the government and party so that the people are captivated by the new 'wow factor' in Barisan Nasional (BN)," he said.

Muhyiddin was speaking at the 38th Kimma General Assembly at Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here, Sunday with Kimma president Datuk Seri Syed Ibrahim Kader also present.

Muhyiddin, who is also Umno deputy president, said Kimma members should frequently go to the ground to look into the people's problems and assist Umno and BN to win the support of the people in the next general election.

"This is a major challenge, check out the electoral roll and get each member to vote, and listen to the people's problems. We're not kings, we're the servants of the community, so meet them and find out their problems ," said Muhyiddin.

In expressing his thanks to Kimma which had played an important role in helping BN, especially in the 13th general election and during the by-elections, he, however, said more efforts needed to be carried out.

"Some people have asked me whether we could still serve as the ruling government after the next general election. I said we could on the condition that we started working very hard now to garner more support.

"We cannot fault those who do not support us, maybe it is due to our faults," Muhyiddin said while stressing the need to avoid feeling over-confident and arrogant, and being complacent.

"Today, the people are more knowledgeable, so do not try to hookwink them as every citizen in Malaysia is well informed. Information today is easily available at the finger tips," he said.

Muhyiddin said the political power given to BN in the 13th general election should be

further consolidated.

The deputy prime minister said while the country was facing trying times over the missing of Malaysia Airlines (MAS) MH370 and the MH17 crash, the people should be united and ward off attempts by certain quarters to create conflict and discord.

"We must learn from history and see what have happened to other countries including in the Islamic world which are in turmoil such as Gaza, Syria and Afghanistan," he said.

On the several proposals presented by Kimma, Muhyiddin said the organisation could apply to join BN as a component party and the matter would be brought up to the BN supreme council for a decision.

"Even though it has not been accepted as a BN member, it (Kimma) is with BN in spirit and thanks for being with BN," he said.

On the proposal to appoint a Kimma representative as a member of the local council of each district, Muhyiddin said the matter could be put to the local authorities and it would depend on whether any component party was willing to give way or not.

He also noted that the government had approved an allocation of RM2 million under the National Islamic Development Foundation (Yakin) for the Kimma education fund.

On Kimma's application for a piece of land to build its headquarters, Muhyiddin said the matter could be forwarded to the Regional Land Committee concerned.

Meanwhile, the Kimma general assembly today adopted its new constitution.

Syed Ibrahim Kader said the constitution which had been approved by the Registrar of Societies in September last year, was almost 80 per cent similar to the Umno constitution.

"Among the main amendments to the constitution is that the absolute power of the president has been transferred to the Supreme Council as the party policy maker with supreme power.

"So I hope after this, there will be no more accusations that Kimma is just a one-man show," he said when addressing the assembly.

Apart from that, three vice-president posts have been created and the term has been extended from two years to three years.

"The post of president, deputy president, vice-president, Supreme Council members, heads, deputy heads and exco of its women, youth and puteri movements will be elected by the delegates and no longer appointed by the president," he said.

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