

**Umno Receives 4,995 Membership Application Online - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 30 (Bernama) -- Umno has received 4,995 membership applications online since the new registration system was introduced last December, said party president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The prime minister said of that number, 2,993 applications were successfully processed and absorbed into the respective branches according to the applicant's address, while 2,002 other applications that were not fully completed would be matched with the data from the National Registration Department for processing.

"Generally we can say that the response from Umno members online is good and positive and we hope it will continue to grow," he told reporters after chairing the first Umno Supreme Council meeting for 2015 at the Umno headquarters, here Friday.

At the last Umno General Assembly, a new measure in rejuvenating the party through the online application system had been given emphasis particularly to attract greater participation and to realise the aspirations of the younger generation.

Approval to accept new membership online was made by the Umno headquarters, compared to the previous system where approval must be obtained at the divisional level, this was to overcome several problems that cropped up previously such as the loss of application forms and membership registration being rejected.

At the three-hour meeting, Najib said the Umno decided that the branch meetings this year would be held from March 13 until May 2, while the Divisional Delegates Meeting would be held from July 27 to Aug 31.

On another development, Najib said the Hulu Selangor Umno division head Mad Nadzari Ahmad Dahlan was appointed to fill up the vacant position of Selangor Umno Liaison deputy chairman.

Meanwhile, Najib also expressed his appreciation to party leaders at all levels and party members at the divisional levels who had joined in helping the flood victims.

"This is a team effort that we have carried out together between the Umno leaders and this had been well received at all levels of the Umno leadership.

"Our efforts have helped to ease the pressure faced by the flood victims and we will continue the efforts to help in the post-flood period," he said.

Earlier, Najib said the Umno Supreme Council meeting today began with the recital of Al-Fatihah and prayers offered to the victims of the Malaysia Airlines MH370 tragedy which

was declared as an accident by the Department of Civil Aviation yesterday.

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