

Johor Umno convention a timely move

Shahrir hopes it'll be held annually

JOHOR BARU: It was a timely move to bring back the Johor state Umno convention this month after a seven-year hiatus, said Johor Baru MP Tan Sri Shahrir Abdul Samad.

He said a similar event was last held in 2006 and hoped that this month's convention would see a revival of holding it annually.

"With the right focus and aim, we can achieve a lot from the convention so I support that the convention should be held every year because there is a need to collect views from representatives of the 26 divisions in the state," he told reporters here yesterday.

Shahrir noted that the convention also served as a morale booster for the state committee and admitted that the hiatus could have caused problems to Umno in the 2008 and 2013 general elections.

He said it was important for the delegates to have a common platform like the state convention to voice out the different needs of the people living in different areas such

as Mersing, Segamat, Muar, Kluang and Batu Pahat.

"Some areas were more focused on agricultural activities and some others on fishing. We need to listen to them in order to discuss and find a consensus so I think the convention should be held once every year," he told reporters here yesterday.

He was speaking after attending a groundbreaking ceremony for a building in SK Mohd Khir Johari dedicated for students' Islamic activities and prayers.

The veteran politician added that he would be one of the moderators for the politics section of the convention, to be held at Berjaya Waterfront Hotel on Nov 14 and 15.

He said the convention would have four discussion sessions, on politics, religion and education, youths as well as the economy.

"It will be launched by Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on the first day and 780 delegates from throughout the state are expected," he said.



Winning streak

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak presenting the winning trophy to defending champion Ryan Moore of the United States after he successfully clinched the CIMB Classic 2014 title again at Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club yesterday. On his right is CIMB Group chairman Datuk Seri Nazir Razak. Moore shot 17-under for a 271 total to win by three strokes. Moore becomes the second man to successfully defend a title on the PGA Tour after Tiger Woods won at the Arnold Palmer Invitational in 2012 and 2013. — S.S. KANESAN / The Star



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