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Rakan Muda

STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF RAKAN MUDA PROGRAMME

PETALING JAYA, June 11 (Bernama) -- The Youth and Sports Ministry will set up a think tank this week to study the effectiveness of the implementation of the Rakan Muda programme.

The minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today the think tank was also to obtain views on the programme and to see if any new approach was needed.

Speaking to reporters after attending a briefing on the Rakan Muda Phase Two Programme here, he said the think tank would analyse whether the Rakan Muda launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Oct 29 1994 had attracted the interest of its target groups who are youths who like to loaf.

"They will identify those who like to loaf apart from formulating a method to ensure the programme really hits its target group, like youths with problems," he said.

Muhyiddin admitted that the Rakan Muda programme so far had not achieved its desired target because it was not easy to mould the attitude of youths.

However it was not accurate to say that the programme was totally ineffective, he said.

Earlier, Muhyiddin said the creation of the think tank would begin with the brain storming session early next month to obtain views and the more accurate assessment of the programme's effectiveness.

He said the ministry was trying to create a more conducive environment for the revival of youth development including improving the leadership quality in line with current needs and direction. -- BERNAMA

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