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PORT DICKSON, April 5 (Bernama) -- Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said there will be a trial period if the government decides to implement the National Social Service for youths.

He said the programme will be tried in several states first to get feedback.

"This will enable us to identify suitable module apart from ironing out problems or weaknesses during the trial period," he told reporters after a coordination meeting of state executive councillor in charge of youths and sports, here today.

Muhyiddin said a working paper on the concept of the programme will be tabled to the cabinet committee on social problems, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on April 15.

He said the committee will study the concept proposed before submitting it to the cabinet for approval.

"So far, the feedback from the states to the idea is positive and many feel the programme should be implemented as soon as possible," he said.

He said the national social service will be students who have completed their Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM), estimated at between 260,000 and 300,000 per year.

He said the programme will not be the total solution to social problems but an experimental approach through experience.

Muhyiddin said this year's Youth Day will be celebrated at Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) on May 15.

Some 2,500 youth leaders nationwide will attend the gathering to be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. -- BERNAMA

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