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Youths urged to help solve economic woes

SERDANG, Sat. - Youth movements in Malaysia should work together with their counterparts in other countries to help find ways to combat current and future economic problems at the international level.

Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue director Chandra Muzaffar said youth movements should work together to urge the governments of the world to come up with a mechanism to regulate international financial trading.

"Major youth movements can work together and propose that international capital speculation be under some kind of control at the Asean Europe Summit in London in April.

"This is something that has to be done as soon as possible otherwise the same problems will occur again," he said.

Chandra was presenting his views at a forum and Kongsu Raya gathering held at the Malaysian International Exhibition and Showroom here today.

The event, organised by the National Youth Council, National Islamic Youth Association, National Youth Movement and National Young Entrepreneur Association, was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The panel speakers for the forum entitled Roles of Youths in Resolving the Country's Economic Problems were Chandra, NYEA president Tan Sri Datuk Lee Kim Yew and Kompleks Metrowangsa Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Dr Ghazali Atan.

Chandra said youth movements should understand some of the underlying factors behind what was happening at the international level as far as money, capital, market and economy were concerned.

"Youths must think about it even if they cannot do much about it."

He also said youths should change their lifestyle not simply because of the economic problem but because it would improve their lives.

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