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Financial boost for bids at major feats

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MALACCA, Thurs. - Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today said his Ministry would offer financial incentives to Malaysians who wanted to perform record-breaking feats.

Muhyiddin, however, did not go into details, only saying that his Ministry was willing to come up with such incentives.

Citing the successful round-the-world trip of Datuk Azhar Mansor and the expedition by two brothers to conquer the North Pole, he said Malaysian youths should strive to achieve such feats.

He said they should equip themselves with knowledge to meet the challenges of the millennium. Only with a positive attitude would they be able to participate in nation-building and maintain the sovereignty of the country, he said.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad always emphasises that the country is constantly under threat from new imperialists who are out to dominate us, economically and socially.

"Therefore, today's youths must equip themselves with knowledge so that they will not easily fall prey and be used by irresponsible quarters to create chaos in the country."

Muhyiddin said this after launching the State-level youth convention entitled "Youth in Facing the Millennium". Malacca is the third state to organise the programme after Perlis and Negri Sembilan.

He said youths make up 40 per cent of the country's population and they must maintain a high degree of confidence in line with the "Malaysia Boleh" spirit.

On the two youth organisations namely the Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement (Abim) and National Muslim Students Association of Malaysia (PKPIM) said to be inclined towards the Opposition, he said he would soon hold heart-to-heart talks with representatives from the organisations.

"I hope through the meetings I will be able to know their problems and find solutions to their woes."

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