

Sing Umno song to children, members urged

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SUNGKAI: Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein said that parents can sing the Umno anthem as a lullaby to nurture a love for the party in their children.

"Parents are the most influential people to develop their children's minds.

"Umno members can explain to their children the importance of joining Umno and the party's nation-building work.

"We hope they will be interested in joining the party when they get older," he told reporters after launching the *Anakku Ahli Umno* (My Child an Umno Member) programme by Tanjung Malim Umno Youth in Kampong Rahmat Changkat Sulaiman here on Friday.

Commending the initiative

of youths in Tanjung Malim, Hishammuddin said the programme might be introduced later at national level.

He said the programme was a response to a challenge thrown by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to the Youth wing to draw more young members into the party.

"We want members to instil love for the party in their children

"I urge members to sing the Umno song as a lullaby to their children and make them appreciate the struggles of our past leaders.

"For a start, Tanjung Malim Umno division members will try to get at least three of their children to join Umno when they reach the eligible age," he told reporters after launching the programme.

Hishammuddin said the

movement would ensure there was a balance between politics and studies among children of Umno Youth members.

"Nobody can run away from being involved in politics.

"As long as their education is not affected and they do not focus on politics at the expense of education, I think it's healthy for them to be aware of what's going on.

"What we don't want is the emergence of negative and extremist elements within our students.

"Politics will be unhealthy if it veers towards hatred and lies and causes splits in the community," he said.

Hishammuddin said the *Anakku Ahli Umno* programme was intended to revive the spirit of nationalism which had moved the Malays to form Umno and fight for the country's independence.