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Encouraging more youths to be in voluntary bodies

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The Government has a clear plan to encourage more youths to be involved in voluntary organisations under the Eighth Malaysia Plan.

Youth and Sports Ministry director-general Datuk Raja Ruslan Raja Samah said the Government had allocated funds to encourage them to organise voluntary programmes.

"The spirit of volunteerism is useful and essential to ensure the prosperity of the country. Through voluntary work, we will be able to share our fortune with those who are in need," he said in a Press statement.

Raja Ruslan said Malaysian youths possessed talent and have a huge potential for voluntary work. This would also keep them from unhealthy activities.

"There are many areas in Malaysia that need volunteers. Youth associations should organise suitable voluntary programmes."

He said the Ministry would offer support and guidance to youth associations.

The Ministry together with the Malaysian Youth Council and the Perak Government will also organise numerous activities to mark National Youth Day 2001 celebrations.

The National Youth Day Assembly will be held at Stadium Perak on May 15 and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to launch it and present awards to youths.

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