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MORE ACTIVITIES FOR RAKAN MUDA PROGRAMMES, SAYS HISHAMMUDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 9 (Bernama) -- Activities under the Rakan Muda programmes would be intensified with more inputs for the programmes to be implemented, said Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

He said he would announce the details of the programmes after the Eighth Malaysia Plan (8MP) had been approved by the Dewan Rakyat and Senate.

The programmes were based on the feedback received from the youths from both sexes who would also implement the programmes themselves, he said at the media conference on the National Youth Day 2001 celebrations at the national level at his ministry, here today.

Hishammuddin said previously the new image and approach of the Rakan Muda programme had been introduced in October last year.

He said the setting up of Rakan Muda centres at each district which was affected by the economic downturn would be resumed under the 8MP.

He said the setting up of these centres had been identified together with the facilities to be provided.

"I hope they would be able to overcome the negative perception concerning the Rakan Muda programmes particularly at the grassroots level," he said.

On the Youth Day celebrations, Hishammuddin said the theme chosen for this year, "Volunteerism Promotes Solidarity", was in line with the declaration of 2001 as the International Volunteerism Year.

"The youths form the largest segment of the population in the country. Thus, the involvement, understanding and actions of the youths would leave a significant impact and influence on the country.

The gathering for the celebrations this year would be held at Stadium Perak, Ipoh which will be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on May 15.

The programmes for the celebrations include a Malaysian International Youth Festival (MIYF) at the Gunung Lang recreation park, Ipoh from May 10 to 16, and a Youth Volunteers' Work Camp at Kem Wajati, Ulu Chepor, Chemor, Perak from May 13 to 16.

He said the climax of the celebrations would be the National Youth Awards which represented the government's recognition for the contribution by local youth organisations and individuals towards the development of youths in the country.

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