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MYC chief urges youths to attend gathering

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Patriotism requires the active participation of all Malaysians.

Malaysian Youth Council president Saifuddin Abdullah said this was the reason why the council was organising the New Millennium Patriotism gathering (Perhimpunan Patriotisme Alaf Baru).

The gathering, which is expected to draw 10,000 people, will be held from 9am on Feb 18 at Malawati Stadium in Shah Alam, near here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to attend.

Saifuddin said in a faxed statement today that the MYC is organising various follow-up programmes to this gathering, in the form of nationwide courses, seminars, and camping activities.

He said patriotism shifted focus according to the progress and events shaping the country.

"For those who lived during colonial times, their focus of patriotism was fighting for Independence.

"After that the focus was to defend the sovereignty of Malaysia,"

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