

In recognition of ordinary Malaysians

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — As part of their *Patriotisme Alaf Baru* (New Millennium Patriotism) campaign, the Malaysian Youth Council has launched the “1,000 Jiwa Patriotik” (One Thousand Patriotic Souls) programme to recognise ordinary Malaysians.

MYC president Saifuddin Abdullah said it wanted to recognise people who contribute to society in their own little way such as by planting trees in their neighbourhood or getting together to clean up the school.

He said recognition for these patriots will be made at this year's National Youth Day Gathering

where their stories will be displayed in public at Dataran Sejarah, Ayer Keroh, Malacca.

Saifuddin said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to launch the event.

He said all patriots had to do to have their work displayed is to engage in a voluntary activity, write a short report on it and how it benefits their community, include a photograph, and send it to the council by April 30.

The activity must revolve around one of the attributes of *Patriotisme Alaf Baru* such as independence, a sense of pride in being Malaysian, loyalty, discipline, initiative and

the appreciation of knowledge.

The report should include the name, organiser, objective, date and place of the activity.

Saifuddin said the council's State and district branches would verify the genuineness of the entries from their areas to weed out those seeking free publicity.

The programme is open to individuals aged 15-40 years old.

All entries can be mailed to:

“1,000 Jiwa Patriotik” Majlis Belia Malaysia, D/a Pusat Belia Antarabangsa, Jalan Yaacob Latif, Bandar Tun Razak, 56000 Kuala Lumpur. For more information call 91732761 or 91732763.