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MINISTRY MULLS CATEGORISING YOUTHS BY AGE GROUPS - HISHAMMUDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 15 (Bernama) -- The Youth and Sports Ministry will study the proposal by the Malaysian Youth Council to categorise youths according to age groups to woo more youngsters to join youth bodies.

Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said in principle, the proposal by the council president Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo, could strengthen the youth movement in the country.

"The ministry will hold further discussions with the council on the proposal.

"To me, the proposal to categorise youths according to age groups and to synchronise it with suitable programmes for the different age groups is a good idea," he told reporters after closing the National Youth Convention 2003 at a hotel here tonight.

The convention was held in conjunction with the National Youth Day to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Putra Stadium in Bukit Jalil tomorrow.

Earlier, in his speech, Dr Mohamad Khir, who is Selangor Menteri Besar, proposed that youths be categorised based on age groups and organise relevant programmes to attract more youths to join the 2,000-odd youth bodies in the country.

He suggested that youths could be categorised under three groups -- Junior Youths (aged between 16 and 20), Career Youths (21-30) and Youths (31-40).

"By having the age category, the council can draw up programmes suitable for them. Not all the programmes organised are suitable for all age groups.

"The council believe if the programmes fitted in well with their interests, we will not be facing social ills among youths," he added.

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