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Play integral role in nation's development, youth urged

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Young Malaysians can excel in anything they do as nothing is impossible, Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein said today.

Urging them to play an integral role in the development of the country, he said they should be empowered and organise their own activities.

He said there should be a feeling of responsibility and awareness and young Malaysians should be involved in all mainstream activities.

National Youth Day celebration will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Bukit Jalil sports complex tomorrow.

The theme of this year's celebrations, "Propagating National Excellence", will depict the Youth and Sports Ministry's focus on the continued excellence of youth.

Hishammuddin, who is the Umno Youth head, said youth associations should realise that about 48 per cent of young Malaysians were not members of any organisation.

"Some are not keen to join associations due to various factors which are not appealing to them besides the lack of information on youth activities and too much politicking.

"All quarters should play their part in addressing these problems and find ways to attract young people to join the associations."