

PM launches RM100mil 1M4U youth fund
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak today announced a special RM100 million fund to set up 1Malaysia For Youth (IM4U) volunteer programme.

Dubbed the Dana Sukarelawan 1Malaysia (Dre1M) programme, it will be managed by a special task force and governed by a board of trustee, chaired by Najib, to ensure the smooth implementation of activities.

Najib said that the fund works as a "seed money" for youth aspiring to carry out volunteer activities aimed at the betterment of the nation and society.

"With the IM4U programme, we will start not a wave of riots and street demonstrations, but a wave that will spread throughout the country, aimed at building a better Malaysia through the spirit of volunteerism amongst youths," he said.

The IM4U programme launch at the KLCC Esplanade today attracted some 50,000 youth, according to event organisers.

Najib attended the whole-day event and visited booth set up by various government departments, agencies and non-governmental bodies that will be involved in organising volunteer activities.

"I am for you. The government of today is the government for the youth and we will do all that we can to ensure that your future will be filled with hope".

Najib also announced that 2013 will be declared the "Year of Volunteerism" to further instill the spirit of volunteerism amongst youth and to commemorate efforts of all volunteer groups.

He also announced plans to roll out a new radio station 1M4U which, Najib said will feature the voice of the youths.

Also present at the launch and walkabout today were Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein, Youth and Sports Minister Ahmad Shabery Cheek, Health Minister Liow Tiong Lai, Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Maximus Ongkili, inspector-general of police Ismail Omar, and Deputy Ministers Razali Ibrahim and Senator Gan Ping Sieu, among others.

"You are the ones who will be designing the future landscape of the country," he said, inviting thunderous cheers from the youths present.