

# Write an essay and win attractive prizes

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**PETALING JAYA:** Secondary school students and undergraduates, take note. Your knowledge of Malaysia's nation-building history can win you a Proton Savvy, a Modenas scooter or a mountain bike.

All you have to do is take part in an essay contest, "Nurturing the Minds of Future Leaders," organised by the Perdana Leadership Foundation.

The contest, divided into three categories, will run until Dec 31 and essays can be either in English or Bahasa Malaysia.

Lower secondary (Form One to Three) students are to submit essays on the contribution of one of Malaysia's past prime ministers (700 to 1,000 words).

Upper secondary (Form Four to Six) students are to focus on methods to develop a united Malaysian nation (1,000 to 1,500 words).

For undergraduates (under 25 years old), their essays must discuss five lessons learnt from Malaysia's history (from Merdeka to the present day) in 1,500 to 2,000 words.

"With the current emphasis on

communication skills and critical thinking and the Government's push to make history more meaningful to younger Malaysians, we feel this essay is a timely one, coinciding as it does with the coming 50th anniversary of our nation's independence," said Tan Sri Nik Mohamed Nik Yaacob, the foundation's executive director.

Apart from the grand prizes of a Savvy, scooter and bike for the undergraduate, upper secondary and lower secondary categories respectively, laptops, mobile phones, iPods, MPH book vouchers and savings certificates are also up for grabs.

The top winners will also get to do "work shadowing" at a corporation nominated by the foundation.

The schools of these winners will also win a computer workstation.

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For more information, log on to Perdana Leadership Foundation's website at [www.perdana.org.my](http://www.perdana.org.my).