

Seminar on Razak's legacy

Meet to discuss his vast contributions

KUALA LUMPUR: A seminar to reminisce about the vast contributions made by the nation's Father of Development and the second Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak will be held next month.

Umno Youth deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin said the two-day seminar was being organised in conjunction with the country's 50th Merdeka Day celebrations.

"The late Tun Abdul Razak was known for his contributions in politics, economy, social development and foreign policy, among others.

"The effort by Pemuda Academy, in collaboration with Yayasan Tun Razak Alumni, is aimed at exposing and educating youths on the sacrifices and struggles of the country's forefathers," he said at a press conference at Wisma Dato Onn yesterday.

Abdul Razak, who served as prime minister between 1970 and 1976, was known for launching the New Economic Policy, the formation of the National Front or Barisan Nasional, as well as emphasising national and rural development.

The seminar, to be held on June 15 and 16 at the Sime Darby Convention Centre, will be opened by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri

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Najib Tun Razak. Education Minister and Umno Youth chief Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein will also be present.

Among the invited speakers are former Education director-general Tan Sri Abdul Rahman Arshad, first director of the then Institute Technology Mara Tan Sri Arshad Ayub and former inspector-general of police Tun Haniff Omar.

Others include former Federal Territories minister Datuk Shahrir Samad, Public Bank Bhd co-chairman Tan Sri Thong Yaw Hong and Global Maritime Ventures chairman Tan Sri G.K. Rama Iyer.

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On another matter, Khairy said a post-mortem on the recent Ijok by-election revealed that the number of youths who had joined Barisan had significantly increased compared to 2004, and attributed the success to the many sports and community events organised by the party.

He added that for the next general election, those involved in giving public lectures would have to go through training to increase their calibre and motivate young voters.