



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, in his speech at the launch of the rebranded Rakan Muda programme at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in Bangi, Selangor, yesterday, called on youths to reject divisive politics, corruption and abuse of power. BERNAMA PIC

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E-TUNAI BELIA RAHMAH PAYMENT STARTS TODAY

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THE federal government will start disbursing the RM200 aid under the e-Tunai Belia Rahmah programme to eligible recipients starting 8am today.

The news was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the launch of the rebranded Rakan Muda programme at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia here, yesterday.

It was previously reported that youths aged 18 to 20 or full-time students at higher education institutions can register for the programme.

The Finance Ministry said the registration and payment period is from today to Aug 22.

Eligible youths can register through any of the three e-wallet service providers, namely Boost,

Setel and Touch 'n Go.

The ministry also said participating e-wallet providers will offer other incentives in the form of vouchers, cashbacks or discounts on Reward Points during the programme period.

It said the RM200 credit can also be used at retailers or merchants who accept payments through the DuitNow QR code by using one of the electronic wallets participating in this programme, though this is subject to authorised transactions.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, announced during the tabling of the 2023 Budget on Feb 24 that the government would provide RM200 e-Tunai credits to two million youths aged 18 to 20, involving an allocation of RM400 million.

In his speech at the event, he urged the youth, including first-time voters, to reject divisive politics, corruption and abuse of power.

"I hope the younger generation will make a good decision.

"This is because one mistake by a generation could punish the nation into a state of dishonour.

"I nevertheless have faith in the strength of the country's younger generation."

He said it was vital for youths to steer the country towards a successful future and avoid listening to the negative voices of "deadwood" leaders who were out to create disunity.

He gave an assurance that the unity government's Malaysia Madani concept was created with the aspirations of the younger generation in mind.

On the rebranded Rakan Muda programme, Anwar said the initiative provided a platform for the younger generation to come together, inculcate good values and promote a greater sense of respect among each other.

Also present at the Rakan Muda launch was Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh, who said the 10 "lifestyles" outlined under the revamped Rakan Muda programme were in line with the changing interests among the youths.

Rakan Muda was introduced in 1994, but was revamped in its second phase between 2007 and 2014 to give added focus to harnessing the youth's potential.

Its third phase between 2015 and last year was focused on engagements with the youths to highlight talents in the creative fields, among other things.