

NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

PM: Young people must be agents of change

KUALA LUMPUR: Youths must be agents of change, grounded in spirit, courage and idealism to build a fairer, more prosperous and competitive nation, said Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said Malaysia needed youths who were informed, principled, and visionary, and not trapped in polemics that divide society.

In a Facebook post for National Youth Day yesterday, Anwar said young people should channel their energy into addressing the people's issues, rejecting abuse of power, and championing truth and justice.

"The government is committed to empowering youth through various initiatives, including in education, employment, innovation and leadership. The country's future is built together with a young generation that is courageous and full of integrity. Keep moving forward. Malaysia's future begins with you," he said.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the National Youth Day reflected the government's recognition of the vital role of young people to national development.

"The government continues to strengthen various initiatives to expand youth development opportunities, including in technical and vocational education and training, entrepreneurship, the green economy and the digital economy, so that our young people are not only competitive but also ready to lead future change," he said in a Facebook post.

Communications Minister Datuk Fahmi Fadzil said youths must continue to strive, innovate and contribute towards building a greater nation.

Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh called on youths to remain committed to realising their aspirations and contributing to the nation's progress.

"You are the backbone of the country, drivers of innovation, and future leaders who will shape a more prosperous Malaysia."

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said said the strength and capability of a nation was with its youth.

"The Madani government has formulated various initiatives to prepare the younger generation to carry forward our beloved nation's glory." **Bernama**