

Budget 2012: Youth Associations Satisfied, Channelling Of Allocation More Apt
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- Youth associations described the channelling of allocation under Budget 2012 for youths as more apt and transparent.

Malaysian Association of Youth Clubs (MAYC) president Akhramsyah Muammar Ubaidah Sanusi said previously allocation for youths was channelled through consultant companies.

Direct distribution of funds to youth associations could intensify efforts for youth development in the country, he added.

He thanked the government for the initiatives to channel the fund for youth activities through the Malaysian Youth Council, the state youth council and the district youth council.

Meanwhile, president of the Malaysian 4B Youth movement, Muammar Ghadafi Jamaluddin, described the budget announced by the prime minister as a budget for the people.

He said the channelling of the youth allocation through the state and district youth councils reflected the seriousness of the country's leadership for the development of youths and their future.

"This helps youths to promote their talent in various fields and will ensure more activities will be carried out by youth associations to produce a more competitive young generation," he added.

When tabling the Budget 2012, Najib announced an allocation of RM320 million to equip the young generation with training and skills, comprising skills training, leadership, resilience and entrepreneurship programmes at the district and state levels, including contributions to the Malaysian Youth Council, the state youth councils and the district youth councils.

The government also agreed to establish MyCreative Venture Capital as a pioneer project with an initial fund of RM200 million.

A RM200 million allocation would also be made to provide skill training to youth who do not continue their schooling through the Strategic Action for Youth (SAY 1Malaysia).

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