

**Youth Organisations Should Be Sensitive To Malaysian Culture - Muhyiddin
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PUTRAJAYA, Nov 10 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin reminded all quarters to draw up activities beneficial to the youth and in line with the cultural values of the Malaysian society.

He said that same-gender awareness activities or programmes like the recent Seksualiti Merdeka were not in line with such values and in fact against the requirement and needs of religion, race and country.

He said such programmes would bring no benefit to the society and country, and run contrary to the need to inculcate integrity and high morality among the younger generation.

"I really hope that youth organisations will always be sensitive to the culture of the Malaysian society," he said when closing the National Integrity Convention at Putrajaya International Convention Centre (PICC), here today.

Present was the Chief Secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan.

Muhyiddin encouraged NGOs and the private sector to work closely with the relevant ministries to streamline and coordinate programmes to be in line with the country's youth development policy.

"What is more relevant for you as activists, movers and young professionals, is that you have an important responsibility, that is to keep these negative elements at bay and restore the confidence among the society in the country's youths... that they are committed, credible, responsible and can be relied upon to help build and lead the nation," he said.

The deputy prime minister also reminded the younger generation to cast away any lackadaisical attitude and embark on a quest for continuous excellence, stressing that hard work should be accompanied by integrity, sincerity and willingness to cooperate.

The government appreciated the younger generation, he said, pointing out that RM815 million had been allocated in the 2012 Budget to enhance professionalism among them in all fields.

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