

**Khairy is PUNB chairman from April 1**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 27 — Umno Youth Chief Khairy Jamaluddin has been officially named as Perbadanan Usahawan Nasional Bhd (PUNB) chairman, effective April 1.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak chaired the Yayasan Pelaburan Bumiputera's Board of Trustees' meeting on March 8, where the decision was made PUNB's statement to Bernama read.

The Malaysian Insider reported on February 28 that Khairy (picture), who is also the Rembau MP, was to be appointed to this position.

The decision comes four years after Khairy was elected to Parliament and three years after he won the top spot in Umno Youth.

He was not appointed to any government post although his losing opponent Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir was made a deputy minister while Umno Youth deputy chief Datuk Razali Ibrahim is also a deputy minister.

Khairy has organised Barisan Nasional (BN) job and career fairs and housing expos across the nation in the past few years that have seen tremendous response from the youths, a key demographic for the next general election.

PUNB provides a range of loans to prospective Bumiputera businessmen under various schemes such as Pemborong Prosper, Prosper Runcit and Prosper Siswazah and also networking platforms for its borrowers.

Established in July 1991, PUNB's business operations are focussed on providing integrated entrepreneur development packages to assist Bumiputera entrepreneurs in retail and small and medium enterprise (SME) sectors.

These development packages are designed to help Bumiputera entrepreneurs develop business acumen, maintain a profitable venture and shape their enterprise.

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