

**DAP Youth Wants EC To Reconsider Proposal For Automatic Registration Of Voters**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- DAP Youth today asked the Election Commission (EC) to reconsider a proposal made to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Electoral Reforms on the automatic registration of all Malaysians as voters upon attaining the age of 21.

Its chief, Anthony Loke Siew Fook, said the EC should take into consideration the proposal forwarded by Putera MIC at a public hearing as the majority of the 3.3 million eligible voters were youngsters.

"It's a good proposal and the Pakatan (opposition pact) has always welcomed this kind of electoral reform, whether it comes from within the opposition component parties or the Barisan Nasional," he told a news conference at the DAP headquarters, here.

Loke, who is the Member of Parliament for Rasah, said that with such an (automatic registration) exercise, the EC and all the political parties could utilise their resources on other activities.

He pointed out that a substantial number of the 16.2 million eligible voters have not yet registered as voters.

And for that purpose, he said, DAP Youth today launched a nationwide three-week voter registration campaign.

Loke called on the people to register before Sept 13 and said they would have a chance to vote if the general election was held in January next year.

"I'm just guessing that the prime minister might decide to call for polls next year and more people will have a chance to take part in it," he said.

Besides reg2vote.com, DAP Youth is promoting the campaign via social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube to maximise awareness of the need to register young Malaysians as voters.

Enquiries can be directed to info@reg2vote.com or the hotline number 016-8782 472.

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