

**Government To Act As Facilitator To Realise Youth's Aspirations - Najib  
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PUTRAJAYA, May 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Tuesday said the government would act as facilitator to realise the aspirations of Malaysian youth.

He said the government always regarded youth as an important section of society, hence various efforts had been made to empower this group but not through instructions from top to bottom but should instead come from the youth themselves.

"The government will be facilitator to making what youth desire and are interested in, a possible reality," he said at the signing of two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) between the National Service Training Department (JLKN), 1Malaysia For Youth (iM4U), and Youth and Sports Ministry at the Perdana Putra Building, in Putrajaya.

Also present were Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein and Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar.

One of the MoUs was between the JLKN (Defence Ministry) and iM4U, with the iM4U programme to be introduced to the National Service Training Centre (PLKN) trainees and ex-trainees.

This MoU was signed by JLKN director-general Datuk Abdul Hadi Awang Kecil and iM4U Board of Trustees member Datuk Irmohizam Ibrahim.

The other MoU was between the Youth and Sports Ministry and iM4U, whereby the ministry will hand over the Rakan Muda Complex in Puchong to iM4U to be transformed into an iM4U Centre.

The MoU was signed by the ministry's secretary-general Datuk Mohid Mohamed and iM4U Executive Committee chairman Datuk Seri Farid Ridzuan, followed by the handing-over of the mock key of the Rakan Muda Complex to iM4U.

With the signing of the MoUs Tuesday, Najib said about 240,000 PLKN trainees would automatically become iM4U members within three years.

He said youth's involvement in the movement would promote the spirit of volunteerism among the young generation and facilitate the national transformation agenda.

"Besides this, we will try to attract the participation of the estimated 730,000 PLKN alumni to boost the programme.

"Through the MoU, the iM4U will provide support to the PLKN trainees by contributing RM2,500 to each of the 81 National Service training camps throughout the country."

Najib said the iM4U JLKN Outreach Programme introduced at each training camp was for the coordination of voluntary activities organised by iM4U and JLKN.

The to-be-established iM4U Centre in Puchong, meanwhile, would enable youth and volunteers to gather and share their experiences, besides getting involved in activities they were interested in, he added.

Najib said the expertise of university students would be used to renovate the centre while volunteers involved in the iM4U programme would be sprucing up the place.

"This centre is for young people, not only in terms of usage but in all aspects to make it truly their centre.

"I believe that through the iM4U programme established at the universities and outreach centres, we will be able to attract youths and volunteers in various fields like music, sports, theatre, religion, ICT, photography and running of weekend bazaars.

"This is a programme that will be close to youth's hearts," he said.

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