

We want your ideas, PM tells youth
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HARNESSING PASSION: Call to participate in nation-building efforts alongside govt

KUALA LUMPUR: YOUTH should find a calling in life that would add value to the community and the development of the nation, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said yesterday.

In his keynote address at the Youth Action Forum here, Najib stressed that it was important for Malaysia to have a large reservoir of young people who would be able to contribute positive and fresh ideas in developing the nation.

"In this event's mentoring session, which I am privileged to be a part of, it is refreshing to see the youth in high spirits and being passionate about their ideas and projects for a better Malaysia.

"Often, we lose our passion and dreams when we get caught up in the rat race, I hope you will never let that happen to you," he said to thunderous applause from the floor.

The Youth Action Forum is a one-day event for university students to showcase the work of their peers in contributing to the country's social economy.

Organised by MyHarapan, in collaboration with the Higher Education Ministry and Performance Management and Delivery Unit, the event brings together youth nationwide to tackle issues, such as crime prevention, unemployment, public transport and obesity.

Najib said it was crucial for youth to understand that just because they had started work as a young adult, it didn't mean that they should stop pursuing their passion.

"In fact, with working experience, new ideas and different perspectives can be brought to the table to solve issues and problems.

"I hope that via more programmes and events like these, more and more youth will be inspired and participate in nation-building efforts alongside the government."

Present were 1MDB managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Shahrol Azral Ibrahim Halmi and IM4U chief executive officer Datuk Jake Abdullah.

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