

GE13: New platform for youths to voice ideas

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KUALA LUMPUR: Youths who want to play a role in the nation's development will have a chance to do so through the Suara Generasiku initiative.

Conceived by the 1Malaysia Youth Movement, the initiative is a new platform for youths to contribute ideas and opinions to the nation's leaders.

In launching the initiative, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said it was another platform for youths to make their voices heard.

He said there was no reason for youths to take to the streets, demonstrate and demand for change with the aim of toppling the Government when it had given room for youths to express their views.

It includes initiatives such as amending the Universities and University Colleges Act (AUKU) for them to participate in politics and creating 3.3 million jobs.

Others include giving them book vouchers, the 1Malaysia Volunteer Fund (DRe1M) fund and the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M).for youths earning less than RM2,000.

"The government today is the government for youths. I promise that all hopes of the younger generation will be fulfilled if we obtain a new mandate," Najib said in his speech.

Youths can channel their ideas and opinions via the Suara Generasiku Facebook page or through its ambassadors who will travel around the country to meet youths from April 20 in Johor.

The best proposals will be forwarded to the relevant leaders or agencies as a foundation for the country's future development.

1Malaysia Youth Movement president Shahrul Nasrum Kamarudin said Suara Generasiku would go to rural areas to obtain views of the young.

"Many of them do not have the opportunity to voice their opinions and their feedback is as important as that of their urban counterparts," he said.

Meanwhile, in his blog yesterday, Najib said candidates nominated to represent Barisan Nasional in the 13th general election are men and women dedicated to serving the people to the very best of their ability.

Therefore, he hopes the people will take time to learn more about the candidates, the improvements they want to make and the vision that they have for their constituencies and the country.

“In about three weeks we will all be able to take action to determine the country's next course.

“If it's peace and prosperity we want, then continue supporting Barisan because in five years we've proved that our transformation programme has brought success to Malaysia,” he wrote in his blog www.1malaysia.com.my.

Najib said more transformations can be carried out if Barisan is given a strong mandate and the trust to continue ruling the country.

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