

**Bring it on, Khairy tells challengers to Umno Youth post**  
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Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin (pic) has welcomed a challenge in the upcoming party elections.

"I'm happy that there's an open contest for Umno positions," said Khairy who is also the Youth and Sports Minister.

Khairy will be facing Akhramsyah Sanusi, the son of a former menteri besar, in the contest for Umno Youth's top spot.

"I welcome any challenge," Khairy said at the International Islamic University in Gombak today.

Announcing his intention to run, Akhramsyah yesterday said he wanted the wing to "return to its era of glory".

"I want to see the wing return to its era of glory when there was sincerity in struggle and unity in implementing the Malay agenda," he said.

The King's College graduate also said he intended to run since no one else has challenged Khairy.

In the 2009 Umno polls, Khairy garnered 304 votes in a three-way standoff with Mukhriz Mahathir (254 votes) and former Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Khir Toyo (232 votes).

Umno recently drew flak from former party president Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad who labelled it "an ailing old man" and criticised the party for not allowing young blood to rise to higher positions of power. - September 17, 2013.

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