

**Candidates Have Enough Time To Introduce Themselves, Says Khairy
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- The introduction period for candidates vying for posts in Umno wings is adequate, said Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin.

Khairy, who is facing a five-cornered fight for the Umno Youth chief post, said he was confident that his contenders had toured every state although they have two more days to go before the election.

"As for me, if the delegates don't know me, maybe there is something wrong with me," he told reporters after receiving RM17 million in sponsorship for the BN Youth Education Scholarship (BNYES) at the Putra World Trade Centre here, Thursday.

Asked whether debate should be featured in next party polls campaign, he said it was feasible, but to be fair to all candidates, it should be announced well in advance to enable them to make preparations.

On BNYES, he said the RM17 million sponsorship was received from eight private institutions of higher learning (IPTS) for 147 bachelor degree places for the 2014 academic intake. Khairy said the scholarship application for the next intake would be opened in January next year for the March 2014 academic session.

The applicants will be shortlisted by the Umno Youth Secretariat while the final selection will be made by the IPTS, he added.

BNYES, which was set up two years ago to assist students from low and medium-income groups, has so far sponsored 54 students from various races.

Students will be selected on based on academic excellence (70 per cent), co-curricular activities (10 per cent) and family background (20 per cent).

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