

**TID Programme To Be Restructured To Find Young Talented Athletes - DPM
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 4 (Bernama) - The Cabinet Committee for Sports Development (CCSD) today agreed to restructure and improve the Talent Identification Programme (TID) for sports via the National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS).

This was agreed at a meeting of the CCSD chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin at Kompleks Perdana Putra here, today.

In a statement, the CCSD said to overcome shortage of athletes, talented young athletes should be polished at an early stage.

Overall emphasis should be given to identify new talents via strategic partnership with the Ministry of Education and other government agencies.

"The TID programme is the key to accelerate sports development in the country and raise interest in sports at the grassroots level.

"In addition, the 'Fit Malaysia' programme to be launched can help to expand the talent pool of the TID programme for screening new talents."

Muhyiddin said the CCSD also endorsed the concept of 'Fit Malaysia' towards making Malaysia a sporting nation.

It would involve strategic cooperation of all government agencies, the private sector, statutory bodies, sports associations, non-governmental organisations, and all levels of society via the 'Fit Malaysia' brand.

"It is an approach towards changing the lifestyle of Malaysians via the organisation of joint activities such as community based walking, jogging, running, cycling, martial arts and personal fitness.

"All 'Fit Malaysia' programmes meet the five core of expanding the sports talent pool, health, solidarity, inclusiveness and community."

The 'Fit Malaysia' programme will be conducted at Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur this Sunday, with four main activities of running, cycling, martial arts and fitness.

The state programme will be held at Dataran Pahlawan, Melaka on Sept 14, Padang Awam Tanjung Lipat, Sabah on Sept 21 followed by Selangor, Negeri Sembilan and Sarawak (dates to be announced soon).

'Fit Malaysia' (www.fit.my) will also leverage the social media via Facebook, Twitter and

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