

**RM930 Million To Empower Youth, Community And NGOs – Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23 (Bernama) -- Towards empowering youth, the community and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the government is allocating RM930 million to the Youth and Sports Ministry, with seven initiatives outlined.

The initiative for youths involved an allocation of RM280 million for technical and vocational training at the National Youth Skills Institutes (IKBN) and National Youth Advance Skills Training Institutes (IKTBN).

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said focus would also be given to improve the National Service Training Programme (PLKN) with an allocation of RM360 million for 20,000 trainees involving a new curriculum that included creative thinking and technical skills.

"A sum of RM160 million is allocated for NGOs to implement programmes based on community development, solidarity, social welfare, health and safety," he said when tabling the 2016 Budget themed 'Prospering the Rakyat', in the Dewan Rakyat today.

Apart from that, RM50 million is also provided as an initiative to enhance youth participation in economic and entrepreneurial activities.

A sum of RM145 million is set aside to prepare athletes for the 29th SEA Games and 9th ASEAN Para Games in 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, while another RM75 million is allocated to produce world-class champions through the Elite Athletes Podium Programme.

"It will also involve the construction of two sports complexes in Bagan Datoh and Kuantan with an allocation of RM22 million," Najib said.

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