

**Putrajaya will Host National Youth Day Celebrations Next Year – Ahmad Zahid
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SERDANG, MAY 15 (Bernama) -- The national Youth Day celebrations will return to Putrajaya next year, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

He said this would allow more activities to be held as Putrajaya has become an iconic location for youth-related events.

"I want to see who agrees that we hold it in Putrajaya again," he said to shouts of approval from the public when launching of the National Youth Day 2016 at the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Cultural and Arts Centre Hall at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) here Sunday.

Also present were Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin, his deputy Datuk M. Saravanan and Malaysian Youth Council (MBM) president Muam'mar Ghadafi Jamal.

The celebrations have been held in Putrajaya since 2010, but last year UPM was selected as the venue to encourage the participation of youths and undergraduates at the grassroots level.

Ahmad Zahid said as such, UPM must be thanked for providing the venue and facilities for the celebrations this year albeit on a smaller scale than in previous years.

He added that although the space was limited, the celebrations and spirit of the youths were impressive.

Themed 'The Future Is Now', the celebrations which began on May 9, includes 140 programmes.

At the launch, Head of the Malaysian Tamil Youth Club Council B. Vanita and Permanent Chairman of the Malaysian Youth Council Mohd Syahbuddin Hashim were declared the winners of the National Youth Premier Awards in the women's and men's categories, with each taking home RM20,000, a trophy and a certificate.

The Baling Malaysian 4B Youth Movement's economic project which includes mushroom growing, leasing of youth sites, bazaars, homestays and tourism parks, won the award in the organisation category.

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