

Maintain Ties in Youth Associations via Alumni to Preserve Unity
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 18 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi wants more alumni set up from among youth organisations and universities to ensure former members stayed united despite having to leave due to age factor.

Ahmad Zahid said alumni could unite ideas, conscience and action to mobilise all struggles, when in the associations earlier.

"I think matters involving alumni should prompt several steps. I feel although we have left youth behind, we are still young at heart, our strength is still youthful," he said in his speech at a 2016 'jalanan kasih' dinner of the Malaysia 4B Former Members Organisation (Alumni) here, Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Zahid said the spirit in the associations should be continued to advance forward despite leaving behind nostalgic moments when together at one time.

"We must move forward, past nostalgia is akin to us looking at the car mirrors to go forward. Respect the old, love the young..no problem will arise.

"In such a situation, in my opinion, our unity...Let us together find a similarity, not differences...when differences are sought, differences will come forth...when the gap becomes bigger, we forget what we cast in the past when in power," he said.

In the meantime, Ahmad Zahid praised efforts to set up the Malaysia 4B Former Members Organisation (Alumni) headed by Senator Tan Sri Dr Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam as its president who played a major role in helping former members.

During the ceremony, Ahmad Zahid announced a government allocation of RM250,000 to the alumni.

The Malaysia 4B Former Members Organisation (Alumni) was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on May 31, 2010.

Earlier, Ahmad Zahid, also together with members of the alumni, signed a declaration supporting the leadership of Najib.

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