

Special youth award for PM

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Honour is for supporting its cause

KUALA LUMPUR: A special award will be presented by the nation's youth and the Youth and Sports Ministry to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Saturday for his commitment in furthering the cause of the youth.

Minister Datuk Azalina Othman Said said the award, which is to be awarded in conjunction with National Youth Day 2004, is named Father of Youth Development as the premier had been a youth leader since he was young.

"Our prime minister is a man that walks his talk.

"He has always been pro-

active in the youth movement and has always placed emphasis on the younger generation, who are the leaders of tomorrow," Azalina said at the ministry yesterday.

Themed *Excellent Youth, Glorious Race and Country of Distinction*, the National Youth Day will be held at Stadium Putra in Bukit Jalil where some 15,000 youths are expected to turn up.

As for this year's National Youth Award, Azalina said awards would be presented to winners in youth idealism, entrepreneurship, volunteerism and skill.

There are also youth personality special awards for male and female youths as well as a *Malaysia Boleh* - Competitive Special Award.

A youth convention will also be held from today until Saturday at Mint Hotel. There will also be a forum tomorrow, set to be launched by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Razak.

An exhibition on youth excellence will also be held at Stadium Putra on Saturday for the community to witness the achievements of youths and to gather information on *Rakan Muda*.