

NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT POLICY

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Youth constitute a resource of tremendous potential and they can contribute significantly to the overall development of the nation.
- 1.2. The ability to harness the potentials of youths will determine our strength and resilience in pursuing social, economic and political development.

2. Status Of Young

- 2.1. Young people between the age range of 15 – 40 assume the status of youth. Nevertheless, the main focus of youth development programmes and activities involve young people from 18 – 25 year of age.

3. Objective

- 3.1. To establish a holistic and harmonious Malaysian youth force imbued with strong spritual and moral values, who are responsible, independent and patriotic thus serving as a stimulus to the development and prosperity of the nation in consonance with the vision 2020.

4. Strategies

In order to realise the National Youth Development Policy, the following strategies will be implemented:-

4.1. *Knowledge Development*

Efforts will be geared towards enhancing the knowledge base in various subjects, hence functioning as a foundation for the competence of youth.

4.2. *Attitudinal Development*

As a response and future challenges, effort will focus on the inculcation of moral values and the development of a positive and creative attitude.

4.3. *Vocational and Entrepreneurial Development*

To equip youth with state-of-art technical knowledge and vocational skills, as well as involving them in entrepreneurial activities in line with the demands of nation-building.

4.4. *Inculcation of a Healthy Lifestyle*

Youths are encouraged to engage in social and voluntary activities that lead to a healthy, active and dynamic lifestyle. This lifestyle will nurture our youth into responsible leaders of high caliber.

4.5. *Facilities for Social Interaction*

To upgrade relevant facilities that contribute towards promoting healthy interactions and social activities amongst youth and communities.

4.6. *Partnership in Development*

To utilise partnership and co-operation amongst governmental agencies, NGOs and the private sector for the benefit of youth development.

4.7. *International Relations and Networking*

To encourage youth to further promote closer ties and international networking with international communities.

5. Plan Of Action

The following of action will be used to achieve the National Youth Development Policy:-

- 5.1. To provide knowledge-based training programmes jointly organized by public agencies, youth organizations, NGOs and the private sector.
- 5.2. To strengthen leadership and self development programmes that can further develop self-resilience, familial, religious and social institutions; thus enhancing the efficiency of rules played by our youth.
- 5.3. To upgrade skills developments training and create entrepreneurial and commercial opportunities that will propel youth to be independent, competent and capable of pursuing successful careers.
- 5.4. To empower youth organizations so that they capture the interest, commitment and enthusiasm of young people and activities planned by the society.
- 5.5. To provide opportunities and facilities for the self-development of the young people in social and economic functions.
- 5.6. To enhance the spirit of volunteerism and patriotism through social, welfare and voluntary works.
- 5.7. To ensure the understanding of youth in matters of globalization, the importance of partnership with governments agencies, NGOs, the private sector and international networking.
- 5.8. To provide the necessary infrastructure and mechanism for youth activities relating to research, assessment and evaluation.

6. Implementation Principles

All programmes and activities will be co-ordinated in accordance with strategies and action plan founded upon the principles of the Rukun Negara (Pillars of the Nation) and other relevant national policies.

7. Conclusion

The National Youth Development Policy serves as a guide to enable all parties to plan and undertake programmes that galvanize efforts in youth development.

(Formulated in 1985, conjunction with the first International Youth Year Celebration and revised in 1997 to become the National Youth Development Policy)